

Date of Hearing: August 20, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
Buffy Wicks, Chair
SB 506 (Committee on Transportation) – As Amended June 5, 2025

Policy Committee: Transportation

Vote: 16 - 0

Urgency: No

State Mandated Local Program: Yes

Reimbursable: No

SUMMARY:

This bill, the Senate Transportation Committee Omnibus bill, makes several distinct and noncontroversial changes to state law concerning transportation.

Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Replaces the Mountain House Community Services District on the Tri-Valley-San Joaquin Valley Rail Authority governing board with the recently incorporated City of Mountain House.
- 2) Removes certain duties related to the Treasure Island transportation program from the San Francisco County Transportation Authority.
- 3) Allows a person who submits a change of address to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to request a duplicate driver's license and requires the person to immediately destroy the license containing the prior mailing address.
- 4) Revises the exception to allowable objects or materials placed, displayed, installed, affixed or applied upon the windshield or side or rear windows to include vehicle safety technology installed on specified vehicles, including, among others, motor trucks of three or more axles that are more than 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating and that are otherwise in compliance with federal regulations, and removes video event recorders from this exception.
- 5) Deletes the requirement that specified exceptions in current law for transporting certain substances be consistent with federal laws and further removes the requirement that the exception be limited to the driver of a tank vehicle with a capacity of more than 500 gallons.
- 6) Makes other technical non-substantive changes

FISCAL EFFECT:

No state costs.

COMMENTS:

This is the Senate Transportation Committee's policy omnibus bill to make technical or noncontroversial changes to existing law, as follows. There is no opposition registered against this bill.

- 1) ***Recognizes Incorporation of the City of Mountain House.*** AB 758 (Eggman), Chapter 747, Statutes of 2017, established the Tri-Valley–San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority with the Mountain House Community Services District as an entity on the governing board. On July 1, 2024, the Mountain House Community Services District officially became an incorporated city in California. This bill recognizes the transition from Mountain House Community Services District to the City of Mountain House.
- 2) ***Treasure Island Transportation Management Authority.*** Existing law requires both the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and the San Francisco Transportation Authority to approve changes to the Treasure Island transportation program. Membership of the two entities is identical; therefore, the same officials have to vote twice on the same policy. This bill removes this redundancy.
- 3) ***Duplicate Driver’s License.*** Current law specifies that a person may request a duplicate driver license if that license is lost, destroyed or mutilated, or if a new true full name is required. It does not allow the DMV to issue a duplicate driver license to a customer who has changed their address. This bill allows DMV to do so.
- 4) ***Video Recording Placement.*** AB 2477 (Garrick), Chapter 375, Statutes of 2012, authorized the placement of video event recorders on a commercial vehicle’s windshield in an area no more than 2-inches below the upper edge of the area swept by the windshield wipers and outside the driver’s line of sight in accordance with federal regulations to promote safer, more fuel efficient driving and to reduce accidents. This bill updates statute to reflect newly codified federal requirements.
- 5) ***Hours of Service During Declared Emergencies.*** Current law authorizes the CHP to draft regulations for aircraft fuel haulers to work more hours during an emergency, ensuring the state’s aircraft have fuel to suppress fires. However, current law prohibits the promulgation of regulations due to the lack of necessary references in the Vehicle Code and also references the wrong fuel hazard class for aircrafts. This bill resolves both these issues.

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