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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 345**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Atkins**

February 10, 2011

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An act to amend Section 21400 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 345, as amended, Atkins. Vehicles: traffic control devices: consultation.

Existing law requires the Department of Transportation to consult with local agencies before adopting rules and regulations prescribing uniform standards and specifications for official traffic control devices.

This bill would additionally require the department to consult with groups representing users of streets, roads, and highways, as defined. *The bill would require the department to ensure that an advisory committee or group organized for the purposes of advising the department regarding standards and specifications for official traffic control devices includes representatives from groups representing nonmotorizing interests of users of streets, roads, and highways.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 21400 of the Vehicle Code is amended
- 2 to read:

1 21400. (a) The Department of Transportation shall, after  
 2 consultation with local agencies and groups representing users of  
 3 streets, roads, and highways, and public hearings, adopt rules and  
 4 regulations prescribing uniform standards and specifications for  
 5 all official traffic control devices placed pursuant to this code,  
 6 including, but not limited to, stop signs, yield right-of-way signs,  
 7 speed restriction signs, railroad warning approach signs, street  
 8 name signs, lines and markings on the roadway, and stock crossing  
 9 signs placed pursuant to Section 21364.

10 (b) The Department of Transportation shall, after notice and  
 11 public hearing, determine and publicize the specifications for  
 12 uniform types of warning signs, lights, and devices to be placed  
 13 upon a highway by any person engaged in performing work which  
 14 interferes with or endangers the safe movement of traffic upon  
 15 that highway.

16 (c) Only those signs, lights, and devices as are provided for in  
 17 this section shall be placed upon a highway to warn traffic of work  
 18 that is being performed on the highway.

19 (d) Any control devices or markings installed upon traffic  
 20 barriers on or after January 1, 1984, shall conform to the uniform  
 21 standards and specifications required by this section.

22 (e) *The Department of Transportation shall ensure that an*  
 23 *advisory committee or group organized for the purposes of this*  
 24 *section includes representatives from groups that represent*  
 25 *nonmotorizing interests of users of streets, roads, and highways.*

26 (e)

27 (f) For the purposes of this section, “users of streets, roads, and  
 28 highways” means bicyclists, children, persons with disabilities,  
 29 motorists, movers of commercial goods, pedestrians, users of public  
 30 transportation, and seniors.