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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 869

Introduced by Assembly Member Davis

February 17, 2011

An act to amend Sections ~~1651.5~~ 5301 and 5309 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 869, as amended, Davis. Vehicles: fleet owners: multiyear registration.

Existing law authorizes the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish a registration year for any vehicle consisting of any period from 7 months to 18 months, inclusive, with subsequent renewals being required at yearly intervals thereafter. *Existing law authorizes the department to establish a fleet registration program for fleets consisting of at least 50 motor vehicles.* Existing law requires the annual registration of any identified fleet vehicle.

This bill would ~~additionally authorize~~ *instead provide that a fleet consisting of at least 25 vehicles qualifies for the fleet registration program.* The bill would authorize the director of the department to register ~~any vehicle, including~~ any identified fleet vehicle; at such multiyear intervals as determined by the director.

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 1651.5 of the Vehicle Code is amended~~
2 ~~to read:~~

3 ~~1651.5. (a) The director may assign or reassign dates for the~~
4 ~~expiration of registration for a vehicle registered pursuant to this~~
5 ~~code. The director may establish a registration year for any vehicle~~
6 ~~consisting of any period from seven months to 18 months,~~
7 ~~inclusive, or for multiyear periods as the director may determine~~
8 ~~is appropriate, with subsequent renewals being required at yearly~~
9 ~~or multiyear intervals thereafter. The director shall assign an~~
10 ~~expiration date of the last day of the calendar month to all trailers~~
11 ~~and to all motor vehicles subject to additional fees under the~~
12 ~~provisions of Section 9400. Any vehicle being registered on a~~
13 ~~quarterly basis shall be assigned or reassigned an expiration date~~
14 ~~of December 31 for the registration year. The director shall have~~
15 ~~the authority to exclude from year-round registration any type of~~
16 ~~vehicle that the director deems appropriate for exclusion.~~

17 ~~(b) In order to implement a year-round registration for vehicles~~
18 ~~registered pursuant to the International Registration Plan as~~
19 ~~described in Article 4 (commencing with Section 8050) of Chapter~~
20 ~~4 of Division 3, the director, on or before January 1, 2009, shall~~
21 ~~assign or reassign a date for the expiration of registration of those~~
22 ~~vehicles described in this subdivision and may utilize the applicable~~
23 ~~practices and procedures set forth under subdivision (a) in order~~
24 ~~to implement this subdivision.~~

25 ~~SECTION 1. Section 5301 of the Vehicle Code is amended to~~
26 ~~read:~~

27 ~~5301. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code~~
28 ~~and Part 5 (commencing with Section 10701) of Division 2 of the~~
29 ~~Revenue and Taxation Code, the registered owner or lessee of a~~
30 ~~fleet of vehicles consisting of commercial motor vehicles base~~
31 ~~plated in the state, or passenger automobiles may, upon payment~~
32 ~~of appropriate fees, apply to the department for license plates,~~
33 ~~permanent decals, and registration cards.~~

34 ~~(b) (1) Fleets shall consist of at least 50 25 motor vehicles to~~
35 ~~qualify for this program. However, the department may provide~~
36 ~~for permanent fleet registration through an association providing~~
37 ~~a combination of fleets of motor vehicles of 250 or more vehicles~~
38 ~~with no individual fleet of fewer than 25 motor vehicles.~~

1 (2) An association submitting an application of participation in
2 the program shall provide within the overall application a listing
3 identifying the registered owner of each fleet and the motor
4 vehicles within each fleet. Identification of the motor vehicles as
5 provided in this article applies to the ownership of the motor
6 vehicles and not the association submitting the application.

7 (c) With the concurrence of both the department and the
8 participant, the changes made in this section by the enactment of
9 the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2001 shall not affect
10 those participants who were lawfully participating in the permanent
11 fleet registration program on December 31, 2001. Any fleet that
12 qualifies for permanent fleet registration as of December 31, 2001,
13 will continue to count trailers to qualify as a fleet until January 1,
14 2007. However, five years following the implementation of the
15 permanent trailer identification program, all participants in the
16 permanent fleet registration program shall meet the requirements
17 of this section in order to continue enrollment in the program
18 described in this section.

19 SEC. 2. Section 5309 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

20 5309. (a) The registration of any identified fleet vehicle is
21 required annually or at such multiyear intervals as determined by
22 the director.

23 (b) *The owner of any identified fleet vehicle that is registered*
24 *for multiyear intervals as determined by the director shall pay, at*
25 *the time of registration or renewal of registration, a fee equal to*
26 *the annual registration fee and vehicle license fee due for the*
27 *vehicle multiplied by the number of years for which the vehicle is*
28 *to be registered.*