

AMENDED IN SENATE AUGUST 9, 2012

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2230

Introduced by Assembly Member Gatto

February 24, 2012

An act to add Part 2.12 (commencing with Section 10950) to Division 6 of the Water Code, relating to water resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2230, as amended, Gatto. Recycled water: car washes.

Existing law requires the State Water Resources Control Board to take appropriate actions to prevent waste or the unreasonable use of water. Under existing law, the board makes determinations with regard to the availability of recycled water.

This bill would require an in-bay car wash, as defined, or a conveyor car wash, as defined, permitted and constructed after January 1, 2014, to either install, use, and maintain a water recycling system, as defined, that recycles and reuses at least 60% of the wash and rinse water, or to ~~enter into a contract to~~ use recycled water provided by a ~~retail~~ water supplier ~~to wash and rinse vehicles for at least 60% of its wash and rinse water.~~

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

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

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares that the
2 purpose of this bill is to reduce water consumption from

1 commercial car wash facilities by requiring all new conveyor and
2 in-bay car washes to install operational, recycled water systems.

3 SEC. 2. Part 2.12 (commencing with Section 10950) is added
4 to Division 6 of the Water Code, to read:

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6 PART 2.12. RECYCLED WATER USAGE BY CAR WASHES

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8 10950. The following definitions govern the construction of
9 this part:

10 (a) "Conveyor car wash" means a commercial car wash where
11 the vehicle moves on a conveyor belt during the wash and the
12 driver of the vehicle can remain in, or wait outside of, the vehicle.

13 (b) "In-bay car wash" means a commercial car wash where the
14 driver pulls into a bay, parks the car, and the vehicle remains
15 stationary while either a machine moves over the vehicle to clean
16 it or one or more employees of the car wash clean the vehicle,
17 instead of the vehicle moving through a tunnel.

18 (c) "Self-service car wash" means a commercial car wash where
19 a customer washes his or her own car with spray wands and
20 brushes.

21 (d) "Water recycling system" means a water system at the car
22 wash that captures and reuses water previously used in wash or
23 rinse cycles.

24 10951. An in-bay car wash or a conveyor car wash permitted
25 and constructed after January 1, 2014, shall do either of the
26 following:

27 (a) Install, use, and maintain a water recycling system that
28 recycles and reuses at least 60 percent of the wash and rinse water.

29 (b) ~~Enter into a contract to use~~ *Use* recycled water provided by
30 ~~a retail water supplier to wash and rinse vehicles for at least 60~~
31 ~~percent of its wash and rinse water.~~

32 10952. This part shall not apply to a self-service car wash.

33 10953. This part shall not be construed to limit the power of
34 any city, city and county, or county to require more stringent levels
35 of recycled water use at a car wash.