

Introduced by Senator Lowenthal

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An act to amend Section 27000 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 341, as introduced, Lowenthal. Vehicles: dump trucks: backup alarms.

(1) Existing law requires a refuse or garbage truck to be equipped with an automatic backup audible alarm that sounds on backing and is capable of emitting an audible sound meeting specified requirements.

This bill would additionally require a dump truck, as defined, to be equipped with an automatic backup audible alarm.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 27000 of the Vehicle Code is amended
2 to read:
3 27000. (a) A motor vehicle, when operated upon a highway,
4 shall be equipped with a horn in good working order and capable
5 of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance
6 of not less than 200 feet, but no horn shall emit an unreasonably

1 loud or harsh sound. An authorized emergency vehicle may be
2 equipped with, and use in conjunction with the siren on that
3 vehicle, an air horn that emits sounds that do not comply with the
4 requirements of this section.

5 (b) A refuse or garbage truck shall be equipped with an
6 automatic backup audible alarm that sounds on backing and is
7 capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from
8 a distance of not less than 100 feet or shall be equipped with an
9 automatic backup device that is in good working order, located at
10 the rear of the vehicle and that immediately applies the service
11 brake of the vehicle on contact by the vehicle with any obstruction
12 to the rear. The backup device or alarm shall also be capable of
13 operating automatically when the vehicle is in neutral or a forward
14 gear but rolls backward.

15 (c) A refuse or garbage truck, except a vehicle, known as a
16 rolloff vehicle, that is used for the express purpose of transporting
17 waste containers such as open boxes or compactors, purchased
18 after January 1, 2010, shall also be equipped with a functioning
19 camera providing a video display for the driver that enhances or
20 supplements the drivers' view behind the truck for the purpose of
21 safely maneuvering the truck.

22 (d) (1) *A dump truck shall be equipped with an automatic*
23 *backup audible alarm that sounds on backing and is capable of*
24 *emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance*
25 *of not less than 200 feet.*

26 (2) *For the purposes of this subdivision, "dump truck" means*
27 *a commercial vehicle used to transport loose materials, such as*
28 *rock, sand, gravel, asphalt, or dirt, primarily for construction*
29 *purposes, and includes a commercial vehicle used to pull a trailer*
30 *transporting loose materials.*

31 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
32 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
33 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
34 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
35 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
36 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
37 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within

1 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
2 Constitution.

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