

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JULY 3, 2013
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SENATE BILL

No. 806

Introduced by Senator Hueso

February 22, 2013

An act to amend Section 4853 of the Vehicle Code, relating to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 806, as amended, Hueso. Department of Motor Vehicles: license plate alternatives pilot program.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue license plates for vehicles, as specified, and to issue one or more stickers, tabs, or other suitable devices in lieu of the license plates, as specified.

This bill would authorize the department to establish a pilot program, *to be completed no later than January 1, 2017*, to evaluate the use of alternatives to stickers, tabs, license plates, and registration cards, subject to certain requirements.

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 4853 of the Vehicle Code is amended to
2 read:

1 4853. (a) The department may issue one or more stickers, tabs,
2 or other suitable devices in lieu of the license plates provided for
3 under this code. Except where the physical differences between
4 the stickers, tabs, or devices and license plates by their nature
5 render the provisions of this code inapplicable, all provisions of
6 this code relating to license plates may apply to stickers, tabs, or
7 devices.
8 (b) The department may establish a pilot program to evaluate
9 the use of alternatives to the stickers, tabs, license plates, and
10 registration cards authorized by this code, subject to all of the
11 following requirements:
12 (1) The alternative products shall be approved by the Department
13 of the California Highway Patrol.
14 (2) The pilot program shall be limited to no more than 0.5
15 percent of registered vehicles for the purpose of road testing and
16 evaluation.
17 (3) The alternative products to be evaluated shall be provided
18 at no cost to the state.
19 (4) ~~The~~ Any pilot program *established by the department*
20 *pursuant to this subdivision* shall be completed no later than
21 January 1, 2017.