

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 516

Introduced by Assembly Member Mullin

February 23, 2015

An act to add Sections 1686 and 4456.6 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 516, as introduced, Mullin. Vehicles: temporary license plates.

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), upon registering a vehicle, to issue to the owner 2 license plates, as specified. Existing law also requires vehicle dealers and lessor-retailers to attach numbered report-of-sale forms issued by the DMV to a vehicle at the time of sale, and to submit to the DMV an application for registration of the vehicle, and the applicable fees, within a specified period after the date of sale. A violation of the Vehicle Code is a crime.

This bill would require the DMV to develop a temporary license plate system to enable vehicle dealers and lessor-retailers to provide temporary license plates, and would require the system to begin operation on or before January 1, 2017. The bill would also require, commencing January 1, 2017, a motor vehicle dealer or lessorretailer to affix a temporary license plate, at the time of sale, to a vehicle sold without a permanent license plate. Because a violation of this provision would be a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

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 1686 is added to the Vehicle Code, to
2 read:

3 1686. The department shall develop, or contract with a private
4 industry partner for the development of, a temporary license plate
5 system that shall begin operating on or before January 1, 2017.
6 The system shall enable the department, vehicle dealers, and
7 lessor-retailers to provide temporary license plates at the time of
8 sale of a vehicle. The system shall provide real-time electronic
9 access to information identifying the vehicle and its owner only
10 to those entities authorized to access the state’s vehicle registration
11 system.

12 SEC. 2. Section 4456.6 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

13 4456.6. (a) A motor vehicle dealer or lessor-retailer shall, at
14 the time of sale, affix a temporary license plate to a vehicle sold
15 without a permanent license plate.

16 (b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2017.

17 SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
18 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
19 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
20 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
21 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
22 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
23 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
24 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
25 Constitution.