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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 726

Introduced by Assembly Member Nazarian
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Dababneh)

February 25, 2015

~~An act to amend Section 28100 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.~~ *An act to add Section 35400.75 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 726, as amended, Nazarian. ~~Vehicles: pilot cars.~~ *Vehicles: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.*

Existing law imposes a 40-foot limitation on the length of vehicles that may be operated on the highways, with specified exemptions. Existing law exempts from this limitation, among other things, an articulated bus or articulated trolley coach that does not exceed a length of 60 feet.

This bill would authorize the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to operate articulated buses that do not exceed a length of 82 feet on the route designated as the Orange Line in the County of Los Angeles.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

~~Existing law requires a pilot car, which is a vehicle that escorts oversized or special load vehicles, to display at least one red warning flag on each side of the vehicle and requires the flags to be a minimum~~

of 16 square inches and visible from both the front and rear of the vehicle.

~~This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.~~

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. Section 35400.75 is added to the Vehicle Code,
2 immediately following Section 35400.7, to read:

3 35400.75. Notwithstanding Section 35400, the Los Angeles
4 County Metropolitan Transportation Authority created pursuant
5 to Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 130050) of Division 12 of
6 the Public Utilities Code may operate articulated buses that do
7 not exceed a length of 82 feet on the route designated as the
8 Orange Line in the County of Los Angeles.

9 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law
10 is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable
11 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California
12 Constitution because of the unique circumstances of a large
13 number of riders using buses operated by the Los Angeles County
14 Metropolitan Transportation Authority on the Orange Line and
15 the need to reduce overcrowding on those buses.

16 ~~SECTION 1. Section 28100 of the Vehicle Code is amended~~
17 ~~to read:~~

18 ~~28100. A pilot car shall display at least one red warning flag~~
19 ~~on each side of the vehicle. The flags shall be a minimum of 16~~
20 ~~square inches, and shall be visible from both the front and rear of~~
21 ~~the vehicle. The flags shall be removed or covered when the vehicle~~
22 ~~is not operating as a pilot car.~~