Introduced by Assembly Member Obernolte

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Section 23251 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1486, as introduced, Obernolte. Vehicles: toll highways.

Existing law requires the Department of the California Highway Patrol to provide for the proper and adequate policing of all toll highways and all vehicular crossings to ensure enforcement of the Vehicle Code and of any other law relating to the use and operation of vehicles upon toll highways, highways or vehicular crossings, and of the rules and regulations of the Department of Transportation as they relate to those laws, and to cooperate with the Department of Transportation to the end that vehicular crossings are operated at all times in a manner as to carry traffic efficiently.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

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 23251 of the Vehicle Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 23251. (a) The Department of the California Highway Patrol
- 4 shall provide for proper and adequate policing of all toll highways

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and all vehicular crossings to ensure the enforcement thereon of this code and of any other law relating to the use and operation of vehicles upon toll highways, highways or vehicular crossings, and of the rules and regulations of the Department of Transportation in respect thereto as they relate to those laws, and to cooperate with the Department of Transportation to the end that vehicular crossings be are operated at all times in a manner as to carry traffic efficiently. The authority of the Department of the California Highway Patrol is exclusive except as to the authority conferred by law upon the Department of Transportation in respect to vehicular crossings.

- (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a private operator of a toll highway may make temporary arrangements, not to exceed 30 days, for traffic law enforcement services with an agency that employs peace officers as described in Section 830.1 of the Penal Code, if the Department of the California Highway Patrol cannot fulfill its responsibilities as described in this section, as determined by the Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. Transportation.
- (c) The services provided by the Department of the California Highway Patrol for all toll highways that are operated by a private entity shall be reimbursed pursuant to Section 30809.1 of the Streets and Highways Code. If the private operator of a toll highway and the Department of the California Highway Patrol reach an impasse in negotiating an agreement for reimbursement, the Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency shall assist in resolving the impasse.