

Introduced by Senator Bates
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Brough and Daly)

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An act to amend Sections 1965.6 and 1965.7 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to neighborhood electric vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 241, as introduced, Bates. Neighborhood electric vehicles.

Existing law, until January 1, 2017, authorizes the County of Orange to establish a neighborhood electric vehicle transportation plan for the Ranch Plan Planned Community in that county. Under existing law, operation of a neighborhood electric vehicle in violation of certain provisions is an infraction.

This bill would extend the operative period of these provisions until January 1, 2022. By extending the operative period of a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Existing law requires the county to provide a report to the Legislature, by November 1, 2015, if the county adopts a plan as authorized.

This bill would, instead, require the county to provide that report by November 1, 2020.

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 1965.6 of the Streets and Highways Code
2 is amended to read:

3 1965.6. (a) If the County of Orange adopts a NEV
4 transportation plan for the Ranch Plan Planned Community
5 pursuant to this chapter, the county shall submit a report to the
6 Legislature on or before November 1, ~~2015~~, 2020, in consultation
7 with the Department of Transportation, the Department of the
8 California Highway Patrol, and local law enforcement agencies.

9 (b) The report shall include all of the following:

10 (1) A description of the NEV transportation plan and its elements
11 that have been authorized up to that time.

12 (2) An evaluation of the effectiveness of the NEV transportation
13 plan, including its impact on traffic flows and safety.

14 (3) A recommendation as to whether this chapter should be
15 terminated, continued in existence and applicable solely to the
16 Ranch Plan Planned Community, or expanded statewide.

17 SEC. 2. Section 1965.7 of the Streets and Highways Code is
18 amended to read:

19 1965.7. This chapter shall remain in effect only until January
20 1, ~~2017~~, 2022, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted
21 statute, that is enacted before January 1, ~~2017~~, 2022, deletes or
22 extends that date.

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