

Introduced by Senator FullerFebruary 26, 2015

An act to amend Sections 2550 and 2557 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to highways.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 516, as introduced, Fuller. Transportation: motorist aid services.

Existing law authorizes the establishment of a service authority for freeway emergencies in any county if the board of supervisors of the county and the city councils of a majority of the cities within the county adopt resolutions providing for the establishment of the service authority. Existing law authorizes a service authority to impose a fee of \$1 per year on vehicles registered in the counties served by the service authority. Existing law requires moneys received by a service authority to be used for the implementation, maintenance, and operation of a motorist aid system of call boxes and authorizes moneys received by a service authority in excess of what is needed for that system to be used for additional motorist aid services, including, among other things, changeable message signs and lighting for call boxes.

This bill would instead require that those moneys be used for service expenses associated with the implementation, maintenance, and operations of a motorist aid system. The bill would additionally authorize the use of those moneys for traveler information systems and other transportation demand management services, litter and debris removal, and Intelligent Transportation System architecture and infrastructure.

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 2550 of the Streets and Highways Code
2 is amended to read:

3 2550. The Legislature declares that its intent in enacting this
4 chapter is to encourage ~~the placement of call boxes~~ *a motorist aid*
5 *system comprising multiple service elements and infrastructure*
6 along the California Freeway and Expressway System to enable
7 motorists in need of aid to obtain assistance. However, it is not
8 intended that a motorist aid system ~~of call boxes~~ be considered an
9 emergency ~~telephone~~ system.

10 SEC. 2. Section 2557 of the Streets and Highways Code is
11 amended to read:

12 2557. (a) ~~Except as provided in subdivisions (c) and (d), the~~
13 *The* moneys received by each authority pursuant to subdivision
14 (b) of Section 9250.10 of the Vehicle Code shall be used for the
15 implementation, maintenance, and operation of a motorist aid
16 ~~system of call boxes,~~ *system*, including the lease or lease-purchase
17 of facilities and equipment for the system, on the portions of the
18 California Freeway and Expressway System and a county
19 expressway system, and the unincorporated county roads in that
20 county, and on state highway routes that connect segments of these
21 systems, ~~which~~ *that* are located within the county in which the
22 authority is established *as well as associated service expenses*.
23 ~~The Department of Transportation~~ *department* and the Department
24 of the California Highway Patrol shall each review and approve
25 plans for implementation of a motorist aid system ~~of call boxes~~
26 proposed for any state highway route and shall be reimbursed by
27 the service authority for all costs incurred due to review and
28 approval of the plan.

29 (b) An authority or any other public entity may construct and
30 maintain, and lease or lease-purchase on terms and conditions it
31 deems appropriate, the facilities of a motorist aid system or it may
32 contract with a private person or entity to do so.

33 (c) If leases or lease-purchase agreements are entered into
34 pursuant to subdivision (a), or if revenue bonds are issued and sold
35 pursuant to Section 2558, the moneys received by each authority
36 pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 9250.10 of the Vehicle Code
37 shall be used to the extent necessary to make lease payments or to
38 pay the principal of, and interest on, the amount of bonded

1 indebtedness outstanding, as the case may be. Facilities and
2 equipment acquired through the expenditure of proceeds from the
3 sale of those bonds shall have a useful life at least equal to the
4 term of the bonds.

5 (d) (1) Any ~~money~~ *moneys* received by an authority pursuant
6 to subdivision (b) of Section 9250.10 of the Vehicle Code ~~that~~
7 ~~exceeds the amount needed~~ *may be used* for full implementation
8 and ongoing costs to maintain and operate the motorist aid system
9 ~~of call boxes, installed pursuant to subdivision (a), may be used~~
10 for purposes of paragraph ~~(2)~~ (2), and for additional motorist aid
11 services or support, including, but not limited to, the following
12 safety-related projects:

13 (A) *Call boxes.*

14 ~~(A)~~

15 (B) *Changeable message signs.*

16 ~~(B)~~

17 (C) *Lighting for call boxes.*

18 ~~(C)~~

19 (D) *Support for traffic operations centers.*

20 ~~(D)~~

21 (E) *Contracting for removal of disabled vehicles from the*
22 *traveled portion of the right-of-way, including operation of the*
23 *freeway service patrol pursuant to Chapter 15 (commencing with*
24 *Section 2560).*

25 (F) *Traveler information systems and other transportation*
26 *demand management services.*

27 (G) *Litter and debris removal.*

28 (H) *Intelligent Transportation System architecture and*
29 *infrastructure.*

30 (2) Any amendment to an existing plan for a motorist aid system
31 ~~of call boxes~~ adopted by an authority for any state highway route
32 shall, prior to implementation, be submitted to the ~~Department of~~
33 ~~Transportation~~ *department* and the Department of the California
34 Highway Patrol for review and approval and shall not be
35 implemented until so reviewed and approved. The authority shall
36 reimburse each department for the costs of that review.

37 (e) An authority may develop policies for the retention of
38 records, including, but not limited to, authority operations,
39 contracts, and programs, and the length of the retention period.

- 1 (f) A motorist aid system constructed, maintained, or operated
- 2 pursuant to this section shall meet the applicable standards of Title
- 3 II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law
- 4 101-336) and federal regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

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