

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 21, 2015

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 516**

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**Introduced by Senator Fuller**

February 26, 2015

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 516, as amended, 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. *Existing law requires the Department of Transportation and the Department of the California Highway Patrol to review and approve plans, and amendments to plans, for implementation of a motorist system of call boxes.*

This bill would instead require that those moneys be used *by the service authority* for service expenses associated with the implementation, maintenance, and operations of a motorist aid ~~system~~ *system, including the installation of call boxes.* The bill would

additionally authorize the use of those moneys for traveler information ~~systems and systems, Intelligent Transportation System architecture and infrastructure,~~ other transportation demand management services, ~~and litter and debris removal, and Intelligent Transportation System architecture and infrastructure.~~ *removal. The bill would require the Department of Transportation and the Department of the California Highway Patrol to review and approve plans, and amendments to plans, for installation of a motorist aid system of call boxes and any call box removal plan.*

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 a motorist aid system comprising multiple  
 5 service elements and infrastructure along the California Freeway  
 6 and Expressway System to enable motorists in need of aid to obtain  
 7 assistance. However, it is not intended that a motorist aid system  
 8 be considered an emergency system.  
 9 SEC. 2. Section 2557 of the Streets and Highways Code is  
 10 amended to read:  
 11 2557. (a) The moneys received *and allocated* by each *service*  
 12 authority pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 9250.10 of the  
 13 Vehicle Code shall be used for the implementation, maintenance,  
 14 and operation of a motorist aid system, including the lease or  
 15 lease-purchase of facilities and equipment for the system, on the  
 16 portions of the California Freeway and Expressway System and a  
 17 county expressway system, and the unincorporated county roads  
 18 in that county, and on state highway routes that connect segments  
 19 of these systems, that are located within the county in which the  
 20 authority is established as well as associated service expenses. The  
 21 department and the Department of the California Highway Patrol  
 22 shall each review and approve plans for ~~implementation~~ *installation*  
 23 of a motorist aid system *of call boxes* proposed for any state  
 24 highway route and shall be reimbursed by the service authority  
 25 for all costs incurred due to review and approval of the plan.

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

5 (c) If leases or lease-purchase agreements are entered into  
6 pursuant to subdivision (a), or if revenue bonds are issued and sold  
7 pursuant to Section 2558, the moneys received by each *service*  
8 authority pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 9250.10 of the  
9 Vehicle Code shall be used to the extent necessary to make lease  
10 payments or to pay the principal of, and interest on, the amount  
11 of bonded indebtedness outstanding, as the case may be. Facilities  
12 and equipment acquired through the expenditure of proceeds from  
13 the sale of those bonds shall have a useful life at least equal to the  
14 term of the bonds.

15 (d) (1) Any moneys received *and allocated by* ~~an~~ *a service*  
16 authority pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 9250.10 of the  
17 Vehicle Code may be used for *purposes of paragraph (2) and for*  
18 full implementation and ongoing costs to maintain and operate the  
19 motorist aid system pursuant to subdivision (a), ~~for purposes of~~  
20 ~~paragraph (2), and for additional motorist aid services or support,~~  
21 including, but not limited to, the following *motorist aid and*  
22 *safety-related projects:*

23 (A) Call boxes.

24 (B) Changeable message signs.

25 (C) Lighting for call boxes.

26 (D) Support for traffic operations centers.

27 (E) Contracting for removal of disabled vehicles from the  
28 traveled portion of the right-of-way, including operation of the  
29 freeway service patrol pursuant to Chapter 15 (commencing with  
30 Section 2560).

31 (F) Traveler information systems, *Intelligent Transportation*  
32 *System architecture and infrastructure*, and other transportation  
33 demand management services.

34 (G) Litter and debris removal.

35 ~~(H) Intelligent Transportation System architecture and~~  
36 ~~infrastructure.~~

37 (2) Any amendment to an existing plan for a motorist aid system  
38 *of call boxes* adopted by ~~an~~ *a service* authority for any state  
39 highway route *and any call box removal plan* shall, prior to  
40 ~~implementation,~~ *the installation or removal of the call boxes,* be

1 submitted to the department and the Department of the California  
2 Highway Patrol for review and approval and *those call boxes* shall  
3 not be ~~implemented~~ *installed or removed* until *the amendment or*  
4 *removal plan has been* so reviewed and approved. The authority  
5 shall reimburse each department for the costs of that review.  
6 (e) ~~An~~ *A service* authority may develop policies for the retention  
7 of records, including, but not limited to, authority operations,  
8 contracts, and programs, and the length of the retention period.  
9 (f) A motorist aid system constructed, maintained, or operated  
10 pursuant to this section shall meet the applicable standards of Title  
11 II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law  
12 101-336) and federal regulations adopted pursuant thereto.