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SENATE BILL

No. 516

Introduced by Senator Fuller

February 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 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 aid system of call boxes.

This bill would ~~instead~~ require ~~that~~ *each service authority to determine how those moneys received by it are to be used by the service authority*

for ~~service expenses associated with~~ the implementation, maintenance, and operations of a motorist aid system, including ~~the installation of~~ call boxes. The bill would additionally authorize the use of those moneys for traveler information systems, Intelligent Transportation System architecture and infrastructure, and other transportation demand management ~~services~~. *services, and safety-related hazard and obstruction 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 implementation~~ of a motorist aid system of call boxes ~~and any call box removal plan~~. *pursuant to specified guidelines.*

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~~ *Each service authority shall determine how moneys*
 13 *received by it* pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 9250.10 of
 14 the Vehicle Code shall be used for the implementation,
 15 maintenance, and operation of a motorist aid system, including
 16 the lease or lease-purchase of facilities and equipment for the
 17 system, on the portions of the California Freeway and Expressway
 18 System and a county expressway system, and the unincorporated
 19 county roads in that county, and on state highway routes that
 20 connect segments of these systems, that are located within the
 21 county in which the authority is established as well as associated
 22 service expenses. The department and the Department of the
 23 California Highway Patrol shall each review and approve ~~plans~~
 24 ~~for installation plans~~, *pursuant to the “CHP/Caltrans Call Box*

1 *and Motorist Aid Guidelines,” referenced in Section 2451.5 of the*
2 *Vehicle Code, for implementation of a motorist aid system of call*
3 *boxes proposed for any state highway route and shall be reimbursed*
4 *by the service authority for all costs incurred due to review and*
5 *approval of the plan.*

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

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

20 (d) (1) Any moneys received and allocated by a service
21 authority pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 9250.10 of the
22 Vehicle Code may be used for purposes of paragraph (2) and for
23 full implementation and ongoing costs to maintain and operate the
24 motorist aid system pursuant to subdivision (a), including, but not
25 limited to, the following motorist aid and safety-related projects:

26 (A) Call boxes.

27 (B) Changeable message signs.

28 (C) Lighting for call boxes.

29 (D) Support for traffic operations centers.

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

34 (F) Traveler information systems, Intelligent Transportation
35 System architecture and infrastructure, and other transportation
36 demand management services.

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

1 the Department of the California Highway Patrol for review and
2 approval and those call boxes shall not be installed or removed
3 until the amendment or removal plan has been so reviewed and
4 approved. The authority shall reimburse each department for the
5 costs of that review.

6 *(G) Safety-related hazard and obstruction removal.*

7 *(2) Any amendment to an existing plan for a motorist aid system*
8 *of call boxes adopted by a service authority for any state highway*
9 *route shall, prior to implementation, be submitted to the department*
10 *and the Department of the California Highway Patrol for review*
11 *and approval, and shall not be implemented until so reviewed and*
12 *approved pursuant to the “CHP/Caltrans Call Box and Motorist*
13 *Aid Guidelines,” referenced in Section 2421.5 of the Vehicle Code.*
14 *The service authority shall reimburse each department for the*
15 *costs of that review.*

16 *(3) Service authority funding provided for projects described*
17 *in subparagraphs (B),(F), and (G) of paragraph (1) is intended to*
18 *supplement, and not replace, department expenditures for similar*
19 *infrastructure and services on the California Freeway and*
20 *Expressway System.*

21 (e) A service authority may develop policies for the retention
22 of records, including, but not limited to, authority operations,
23 contracts, and programs, and the length of the retention period.

24 (f) A motorist aid system constructed, maintained, or operated
25 pursuant to this section shall meet the applicable standards of Title
26 II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law
27 101-336) and federal regulations adopted pursuant thereto.