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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2175

**Introduced by Assembly Members Ashburn and Firebaugh
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bates, Briggs, Correa, Cox,
Dutra, Florez, Havice, House, Margett, Runner, and Zettel)**

February 23, 2000

An act to amend Sections 14100 and 35400 of, ~~to amend, repeal, and add Section 12804.9 of,~~ and to add ~~Section~~ *Sections 12804.10 and 12804.15* to, the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2175, as amended, Ashburn. Vehicles: driver's license: length limitation exemption for house cars.

(1) Under existing law, an applicant for a driver's license is required to submit to an examination appropriate to the

type of motor vehicle or combination of vehicles the applicant desires to drive. A class C driver's license includes authorization to operate a house car.

This bill would provide, ~~on and after March 1, 2001,~~ that the authority to operate a house car over 40 feet in length, as specified, is conditioned on receiving an endorsement issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles on a class C license upon passing a written and skills examination and submitting a specified medical form.

(2) Under existing law, with specified exceptions, a 40-foot limitation is imposed on the length of vehicles that may be operated on the highways.

This bill would additionally except house cars of a length of up to 45 feet from that limitation when operating on certain highways.

(3) This bill would prohibit any person from operating a house car, as defined, unless the person has in his or her possession a valid driver's license and a specified endorsement to permit operation of the house car. Because under other provisions of existing law, a violation of this prohibition would be an infraction, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program by creating a new crime.

~~(4) This bill would incorporate additional changes in Section 12804.9 of the Vehicle Code proposed by SB 1403, to become operative only if this bill and SB 1403 are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2001, each bill amends Section 12804.9 of the Vehicle Code, and this bill is enacted last.~~

~~(5) This bill would incorporate additional changes in Section 35400 of the Vehicle Code proposed by AB 2908, to become operative only if this bill and AB 2908 are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2001, each bill amends Section 35400 of the Vehicle Code, and this bill is enacted last.~~

~~(6)~~

(5) 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.

(7)

(6) The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ²/₃. 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 12804.9 of the Vehicle Code, as~~
2 ~~amended by Section 4 of Chapter 722 of the Statutes of~~
3 ~~1999, is amended to read:~~

4 ~~12804.9. (a) (1) The examination shall include all of~~
5 ~~the following:~~

6 ~~(A) A test of the applicant's knowledge and~~
7 ~~understanding of the provisions of this code governing~~
8 ~~the operation of vehicles upon the highways.~~

9 ~~(B) A test of the applicant's ability to read and~~
10 ~~understand simple English used in highway traffic and~~
11 ~~directional signs.~~

12 ~~(C) A test of the applicant's understanding of traffic~~
13 ~~signs and signals, including the bikeway signs, markers,~~
14 ~~and traffic control devices established by the Department~~
15 ~~of Transportation.~~

16 ~~(D) An actual demonstration of the applicant's ability~~
17 ~~to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in operating~~
18 ~~a motor vehicle by driving it under the supervision of an~~
19 ~~examining officer. The applicant shall submit to an~~
20 ~~examination appropriate to the type of motor vehicle or~~
21 ~~combination of vehicles he or she desires a license to~~
22 ~~drive, except that the department may waive the driving~~
23 ~~test part of the examination for any applicant who~~
24 ~~submits a license issued by another state, territory, or~~
25 ~~possession of the United States, the District of Columbia,~~
26 ~~or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico if the department~~
27 ~~verifies through an acknowledged national driver record~~
28 ~~data source that there are no stops, holds, or other~~
29 ~~impediments to its issuance. The examining officer may~~
30 ~~request to see evidence of financial responsibility for the~~



1 ~~vehicle prior to supervising the demonstration of the~~
2 ~~applicant's ability to operate the vehicle. The examining~~
3 ~~officer may refuse to examine an applicant who is unable~~
4 ~~to provide proof of financial responsibility for the vehicle,~~
5 ~~unless proof of financial responsibility is not required by~~
6 ~~this code.~~

7 ~~(E) A test of the hearing and eyesight of the applicant,~~
8 ~~and of other matters that may be necessary to determine~~
9 ~~the applicant's mental and physical fitness to operate a~~
10 ~~motor vehicle upon the highways, and whether any~~
11 ~~ground exists for refusal of a license under this code.~~

12 ~~(2) The examination for a class A or class B license~~
13 ~~under subdivision (b) shall also include a report of a~~
14 ~~medical examination of the applicant given not more~~
15 ~~than two years prior to the date of the application by a~~
16 ~~health care professional. As used in this subdivision,~~
17 ~~"health care professional" means a person who is~~
18 ~~licensed, certified, or registered in accordance with~~
19 ~~applicable state laws and regulations to practice medicine~~
20 ~~and perform physical examinations in the United States~~
21 ~~of America. Health care professionals are doctors of~~
22 ~~medicine, doctors of osteopathy, physician assistants, and~~
23 ~~advanced practice nurses, or doctors of chiropractic who~~
24 ~~are clinically competent to perform the medical~~
25 ~~examination presently required of motor carrier drivers~~
26 ~~by the Federal Highway Administration. The report shall~~
27 ~~be on a form approved by the department, the Federal~~
28 ~~Highway Administration, or the Federal Aviation~~
29 ~~Administration. In establishing the requirements,~~
30 ~~consideration may be given to the standards presently~~
31 ~~required of motor carrier drivers by the Federal Highway~~
32 ~~Administration.~~

33 ~~(3) Any physical defect of the applicant, which, in the~~
34 ~~opinion of the department, is compensated for to ensure~~
35 ~~safe driving ability, shall not prevent the issuance of a~~
36 ~~license to the applicant.~~

37 ~~(b) Beginning on January 1, 1989, in accordance with~~
38 ~~the following classifications, any applicant for a driver's~~
39 ~~license shall be required to submit to an examination~~



1 appropriate to the type of motor vehicle or combination
2 of vehicles the applicant desires a license to drive:

3 (1) Class A includes the following:

4 (A) Any combination of vehicles, if any vehicle being
5 towed has a gross vehicle weight rating of more than
6 10,000 pounds.

7 (B) Any vehicle towing more than one vehicle.

8 (C) Any trailer bus.

9 (D) The operation of all vehicles under class B and
10 class C.

11 (2) Class B includes the following:

12 (A) Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight
13 rating of more than 26,000 pounds.

14 (B) Any single vehicle with three or more axles,
15 except any three-axle vehicle weighing less than 6,000
16 pounds.

17 (C) Any bus except a trailer bus.

18 (D) Any farm labor vehicle.

19 (E) Any single vehicle with three or more axles or a
20 gross vehicle weight rating of more than 26,000 pounds
21 towing another vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating
22 of 10,000 pounds or less.

23 (F) The operation of all vehicles covered under class
24 C.

25 (3) Class C includes the following:

26 (A) Any two-axle vehicle with a gross vehicle weight
27 rating of 26,000 pounds or less, including when the vehicle
28 is towing a trailer or semitrailer with a gross vehicle
29 weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less.

30 (B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), any two-axle
31 vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds or more unladen when
32 towing a trailer coach not exceeding 9,000 pounds gross.

33 (C) Any house car.

34 (D) Any three-axle vehicle weighing 6,000 pounds or
35 less gross.

36 (E) Any house car or vehicle towing another vehicle
37 with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less,
38 including when a tow dolly is used. No vehicle shall tow
39 another vehicle in violation of Section 21715.



1 ~~(F) (i) Any two-axle vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds~~
2 ~~or more unladen when towing either a trailer coach or a~~
3 ~~fifth-wheel travel trailer not exceeding 10,000 pounds~~
4 ~~gross vehicle weight rating, when the towing of the trailer~~
5 ~~is not for compensation.~~

6 ~~(ii) Any two-axle vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds or~~
7 ~~more unladen when towing a fifth-wheel travel trailer~~
8 ~~exceeding 10,000 pounds, but not exceeding 15,000~~
9 ~~pounds, gross vehicle weight rating, when the towing of~~
10 ~~the trailer is not for compensation, and if the person has~~
11 ~~passed a specialized written examination provided by the~~
12 ~~department relating to the knowledge of this code and~~
13 ~~other safety aspects governing the towing of recreational~~
14 ~~vehicles upon the highway. The authority to operate~~
15 ~~combinations of vehicles under this subparagraph shall be~~
16 ~~granted by endorsement on a class C license upon~~
17 ~~completion of that written examination.~~

18 ~~(G) Class C does not include any two-wheel~~
19 ~~motorcycle or any two-wheel motor-driven cycle.~~

20 ~~(4) Class M1. Any two-wheel motorcycle or~~
21 ~~motor-driven cycle. Authority to operate vehicles~~
22 ~~included in a class M1 license may be granted by~~
23 ~~endorsement on a class A, B, or C license upon completion~~
24 ~~of an appropriate examination.~~

25 ~~(5) Class M2. Any motorized bicycle or moped, or any~~
26 ~~bicycle with an attached motor, except a motorized~~
27 ~~bicycle described in subdivision (b) of Section 406 and a~~
28 ~~motorized scooter described in Section 407.5. Authority~~
29 ~~to operate vehicles included in class M2 may be granted~~
30 ~~by endorsement on a class A, B, or C license upon~~
31 ~~completion of an appropriate examination. Persons~~
32 ~~holding a class M1 license or endorsement may operate~~
33 ~~vehicles included in class M2 without further~~
34 ~~examination.~~

35 ~~(e) No driver's license or driver certificate shall be~~
36 ~~valid for operating any commercial motor vehicle, as~~
37 ~~defined in subdivision (b) of Section 15210, any other~~
38 ~~motor vehicle defined in paragraph (1) or (2) of~~
39 ~~subdivision (b), or any other vehicle requiring a driver to~~
40 ~~hold any driver certificate or any driver's license~~



1 endorsement under Section 15275, unless a medical
2 certificate approved by the department, the Federal
3 Highway Administration, or the Federal Aviation
4 Administration, that has been issued within two years of
5 the date of the operation of that vehicle, is within the
6 licensee's immediate possession, and a copy of the
7 medical examination report from which the certificate
8 was issued is on file with the department. Otherwise the
9 license shall be valid only for operating class C vehicles
10 that are not commercial vehicles, as defined in
11 subdivision (b) of Section 15210, and for operating class
12 M1 or M2 vehicles, if so endorsed, that are not commercial
13 vehicles, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 15210.

14 (d) A license or driver certificate issued prior to the
15 enactment of Chapter 7 (commencing with Section
16 15200) shall be valid to operate the class or type of
17 vehicles specified under the law in existence prior to that
18 enactment until the license or certificate expires or is
19 otherwise suspended, revoked, or canceled.

20 (e) The department may accept a certificate of
21 driving skill that is issued by an employer, authorized by
22 the department to issue a certificate under Section 15250,
23 of the applicant, in lieu of a driving test, on class A or B
24 applications, if the applicant has first qualified for a class
25 C license and has met the other examination
26 requirements for the license for which he or she is
27 applying. The certificate may be submitted as evidence
28 of the applicant's skill in the operation of the types of
29 equipment covered by the license for which he or she is
30 applying.

31 (f) The department may accept a certificate of
32 competence in lieu of a driving test on class M1 or M2
33 applications, when the certificate is issued by a law
34 enforcement agency for its officers who operate class M1
35 or M2 vehicles in their duties, if the applicant has met the
36 other examination requirements for the license for which
37 he or she is applying.

38 (g) The department may accept a certificate of
39 satisfactory completion of a novice motorecyclist training
40 program approved by the commissioner pursuant to



1 ~~Section 2932 in lieu of a driving test on class M1 or M2~~
2 ~~applications, if the applicant has met the other~~
3 ~~examination requirements for the license for which he or~~
4 ~~she is applying. The department shall review and approve~~
5 ~~the written and driving test used by a program to~~
6 ~~determine whether the program may issue a certificate~~
7 ~~of completion.~~

8 ~~(h) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), any person~~
9 ~~holding a valid California driver's license of any class may~~
10 ~~operate a short-term rental motorized bicycle without~~
11 ~~taking any special examination for the operation of a~~
12 ~~motorized bicycle, and without having a class M2~~
13 ~~endorsement on that license. As used in this paragraph,~~
14 ~~“short-term” means 48 hours or less.~~

15 ~~(i) No person under the age of 21 years shall be issued~~
16 ~~a class M1 or M2 license or endorsement unless he or she~~
17 ~~provides evidence satisfactory to the department of~~
18 ~~completion of a motorcycle safety training program that~~
19 ~~is operated pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with~~
20 ~~Section 2930) of Chapter 5 of Division 2.~~

21 ~~(j) Drivers of vanpool vehicles may operate with class~~
22 ~~C licenses but shall possess evidence of a medical~~
23 ~~examination required for a class B license when operating~~
24 ~~vanpool vehicles. In order to be eligible to drive the~~
25 ~~vanpool vehicle, the driver shall keep in the vanpool~~
26 ~~vehicle a statement, signed under penalty of perjury, that~~
27 ~~he or she has not been convicted of reckless driving,~~
28 ~~drunk driving, or a hit-and-run offense in the last five~~
29 ~~years.~~

30 ~~(k) A class M license issued between January 1, 1989,~~
31 ~~and December 31, 1992, shall permit the holder to operate~~
32 ~~any motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle~~
33 ~~until the expiration of the license.~~

34 ~~(l) This section shall become operative on January 1,~~
35 ~~2001.~~

36 ~~(m) This section shall remain in effect only until~~
37 ~~March 1, 2001, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later~~
38 ~~enacted statute, that is enacted before March 1, 2001,~~
39 ~~deletes or extends that date.~~



1 ~~SEC. 1.5. Section 12804.9 is added to the Vehicle~~
2 ~~Code, to read:~~

3 ~~12804.9. (a) (1) The examination shall include all of~~
4 ~~the following:~~

5 ~~(A) A test of the applicant's knowledge and~~
6 ~~understanding of the provisions of this code governing~~
7 ~~the operation of vehicles upon the highways.~~

8 ~~(B) A test of the applicant's ability to read and~~
9 ~~understand simple English used in highway traffic and~~
10 ~~directional signs.~~

11 ~~(C) A test of the applicant's understanding of traffic~~
12 ~~signs and signals, including the bikeway signs, markers,~~
13 ~~and traffic control devices established by the Department~~
14 ~~of Transportation.~~

15 ~~(D) An actual demonstration of the applicant's ability~~
16 ~~to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in operating~~
17 ~~a motor vehicle by driving it under the supervision of an~~
18 ~~examining officer. The applicant shall submit to an~~
19 ~~examination appropriate to the type of motor vehicle or~~
20 ~~combination of vehicles he or she desires a license to~~
21 ~~drive, except that the department may waive the driving~~
22 ~~test part of the examination for any applicant who~~
23 ~~submits a license issued by another state, territory, or~~
24 ~~possession of the United States, the District of Columbia,~~
25 ~~or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico if the department~~
26 ~~verifies through an acknowledged national driver record~~
27 ~~data source that there are no stops, holds, or other~~
28 ~~impediments to its issuance. The examining officer may~~
29 ~~request to see evidence of financial responsibility for the~~
30 ~~vehicle prior to supervising the demonstration of the~~
31 ~~applicant's ability to operate the vehicle. The examining~~
32 ~~officer may refuse to examine an applicant who is unable~~
33 ~~to provide proof of financial responsibility for the vehicle,~~
34 ~~unless proof of financial responsibility is not required by~~
35 ~~this code.~~

36 ~~(E) A test of the hearing and eyesight of the applicant,~~
37 ~~and of other matters that may be necessary to determine~~
38 ~~the applicant's mental and physical fitness to operate a~~
39 ~~motor vehicle upon the highways, and whether any~~
40 ~~ground exists for refusal of a license under this code.~~



1 ~~(2) The examination for a class A or class B license~~
2 ~~under subdivision (b) shall also include a report of a~~
3 ~~medical examination of the applicant given not more~~
4 ~~than two years prior to the date of the application by a~~
5 ~~health care professional. As used in this subdivision,~~
6 ~~“health care professional” means a person who is~~
7 ~~licensed, certified, or registered in accordance with~~
8 ~~applicable state laws and regulations to practice medicine~~
9 ~~and perform physical examinations in the United States~~
10 ~~of America. Health care professionals are doctors of~~
11 ~~medicine, doctors of osteopathy, physician assistants, and~~
12 ~~advanced practice nurses, or doctors of chiropractic who~~
13 ~~are clinically competent to perform the medical~~
14 ~~examination presently required of motor carrier drivers~~
15 ~~by the Federal Highway Administration. The report shall~~
16 ~~be on a form approved by the department, the Federal~~
17 ~~Highway Administration, or the Federal Aviation~~
18 ~~Administration. In establishing the requirements,~~
19 ~~consideration may be given to the standards presently~~
20 ~~required of motor carrier drivers by the Federal Highway~~
21 ~~Administration.~~

22 ~~(3) Any physical defect of the applicant, which, in the~~
23 ~~opinion of the department, is compensated for to ensure~~
24 ~~safe driving ability, shall not prevent the issuance of a~~
25 ~~license to the applicant.~~

26 ~~(b) Beginning on January 1, 1989, in accordance with~~
27 ~~the following classifications, any applicant for a driver’s~~
28 ~~license shall be required to submit to an examination~~
29 ~~appropriate to the type of motor vehicle or combination~~
30 ~~of vehicles the applicant desires a license to drive:~~

31 ~~(1) Class A includes the following:~~

32 ~~(A) Any combination of vehicles, if any vehicle being~~
33 ~~towed has a gross vehicle weight rating of more than~~
34 ~~10,000 pounds.~~

35 ~~(B) Any vehicle towing more than one vehicle.~~

36 ~~(C) Any trailer bus.~~

37 ~~(D) The operation of all vehicles under class B and~~
38 ~~class C.~~

39 ~~(2) Class B includes the following:~~



- 1 ~~(A) Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight~~
2 ~~rating of more than 26,000 pounds.~~
- 3 ~~(B) Any single vehicle with three or more axles,~~
4 ~~except any three-axle vehicle weighing less than 6,000~~
5 ~~pounds.~~
- 6 ~~(C) Any bus except a trailer bus.~~
- 7 ~~(D) Any farm labor vehicle.~~
- 8 ~~(E) Any single vehicle with three or more axles or a~~
9 ~~gross vehicle weight rating of more than 26,000 pounds~~
10 ~~towing another vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating~~
11 ~~of 10,000 pounds or less.~~
- 12 ~~(F) The operation of all vehicles covered under class~~
13 ~~C.~~
- 14 ~~(3) Class C includes the following:~~
- 15 ~~(A) Any two-axle vehicle with a gross vehicle weight~~
16 ~~rating of 26,000 pounds or less, including when the vehicle~~
17 ~~is towing a trailer or semitrailer with a gross vehicle~~
18 ~~weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less.~~
- 19 ~~(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), any two-axle~~
20 ~~vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds or more unladen when~~
21 ~~towing a trailer coach not exceeding 9,000 pounds gross.~~
- 22 ~~(C) Any house car of 40 feet in length or less.~~
- 23 ~~(D) Any three-axle vehicle weighing 6,000 pounds or~~
24 ~~less gross.~~
- 25 ~~(E) Any house car or vehicle towing another vehicle~~
26 ~~with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less,~~
27 ~~including when a tow dolly is used. No vehicle shall tow~~
28 ~~another vehicle in violation of Section 21715.~~
- 29 ~~(F) Any house car over 40 feet in length, excluding~~
30 ~~safety devices and safety bumpers, if the applicant has~~
31 ~~passed a specialized written examination and~~
32 ~~demonstrated the ability to exercise ordinary and~~
33 ~~reasonable control in operating that vehicle by driving it~~
34 ~~under the supervision of an examining officer and is~~
35 ~~issued an endorsement by the department.~~
- 36 ~~(G) (i) Any two-axle vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds~~
37 ~~or more unladen when towing either a trailer coach or a~~
38 ~~fifth-wheel travel trailer not exceeding 10,000 pounds~~
39 ~~gross vehicle weight rating, when the towing of the trailer~~
40 ~~is not for compensation.~~



1 ~~(ii) Any two-axle vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds or~~
2 ~~more unladen when towing a fifth wheel travel trailer~~
3 ~~exceeding 10,000 pounds, but not exceeding 15,000~~
4 ~~pounds, gross vehicle weight rating, when the towing of~~
5 ~~the trailer is not for compensation, and if the person has~~
6 ~~passed a specialized written examination provided by the~~
7 ~~department relating to the knowledge of this code and~~
8 ~~other safety aspects governing the towing of recreational~~
9 ~~vehicles upon the highway. The authority to operate~~
10 ~~combinations of vehicles under this subparagraph shall be~~
11 ~~granted by endorsement on a class C license upon~~
12 ~~completion of that written examination.~~

13 ~~(H) Class C does not include any two-wheel~~
14 ~~motorcycle or any two-wheel motor-driven cycle.~~

15 ~~(4) Class M1. Any two-wheel motorcycle or~~
16 ~~motor-driven cycle. Authority to operate vehicles~~
17 ~~included in a class M1 license may be granted by~~
18 ~~endorsement on a class A, B, or C license upon completion~~
19 ~~of an appropriate examination.~~

20 ~~(5) Class M2. Any motorized bicycle or moped, or any~~
21 ~~bicycle with an attached motor, except a motorized~~
22 ~~bicycle described in subdivision (b) of Section 406 and a~~
23 ~~motorized scooter described in Section 407.5. Authority~~
24 ~~to operate vehicles included in class M2 may be granted~~
25 ~~by endorsement on a class A, B, or C license upon~~
26 ~~completion of an appropriate examination. Persons~~
27 ~~holding a class M1 license or endorsement may operate~~
28 ~~vehicles included in class M2 without further~~
29 ~~examination.~~

30 ~~(e) No driver's license or driver certificate shall be~~
31 ~~valid for operating any commercial motor vehicle, as~~
32 ~~defined in subdivision (b) of Section 15210, any other~~
33 ~~motor vehicle defined in paragraph (1) or (2) of~~
34 ~~subdivision (b), or any other vehicle requiring a driver to~~
35 ~~hold any driver certificate or any driver's license~~
36 ~~endorsement under Section 15275, unless a medical~~
37 ~~certificate approved by the department, the Federal~~
38 ~~Highway Administration, or the Federal Aviation~~
39 ~~Administration, that has been issued within two years of~~
40 ~~the date of the operation of that vehicle, is within the~~



1 ~~licensee's immediate possession, and a copy of the~~
2 ~~medical examination report from which the certificate~~
3 ~~was issued is on file with the department. Otherwise the~~
4 ~~license shall be valid only for operating class C vehicles~~
5 ~~that are not commercial vehicles, as defined in~~
6 ~~subdivision (b) of Section 15210, and for operating class~~
7 ~~M1 or M2 vehicles, if so endorsed, that are not commercial~~
8 ~~vehicles, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 15210.~~

9 ~~(d) A license or driver certificate issued prior to the~~
10 ~~enactment of Chapter 7 (commencing with Section~~
11 ~~15200) shall be valid to operate the class or type of~~
12 ~~vehicles specified under the law in existence prior to that~~
13 ~~enactment until the license or certificate expires or is~~
14 ~~otherwise suspended, revoked, or canceled.~~

15 ~~(e) The department may accept a certificate of~~
16 ~~driving skill that is issued by an employer, authorized by~~
17 ~~the department to issue a certificate under Section 15250;~~
18 ~~of the applicant, in lieu of a driving test, on class A or B~~
19 ~~applications, if the applicant has first qualified for a class~~
20 ~~C license and has met the other examination~~
21 ~~requirements for the license for which he or she is~~
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27 ~~competence in lieu of a driving test on class M1 or M2~~
28 ~~applications, when the certificate is issued by a law~~
29 ~~enforcement agency for its officers who operate class M1~~
30 ~~or M2 vehicles in their duties, if the applicant has met the~~
31 ~~other examination requirements for the license for which~~
32 ~~he or she is applying.~~

33 ~~(g) The department may accept a certificate of~~
34 ~~satisfactory completion of a novice motorcycle training~~
35 ~~program approved by the commissioner pursuant to~~
36 ~~Section 2932 in lieu of a driving test on class M1 or M2~~
37 ~~applications, if the applicant has met the other~~
38 ~~examination requirements for the license for which he or~~
39 ~~she is applying. The department shall review and approve~~
40 ~~the written and driving test used by a program to~~



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2 ~~of completion.~~

3 ~~(h) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), any person~~
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5 ~~operate a short-term rental motorized bicycle without~~
6 ~~taking any special examination for the operation of a~~
7 ~~motorized bicycle, and without having a class M2~~
8 ~~endorsement on that license. As used in this paragraph,~~
9 ~~“short-term” means 48 hours or less.~~

10 ~~(i) No person under the age of 21 years shall be issued~~
11 ~~a class M1 or M2 license or endorsement unless he or she~~
12 ~~provides evidence satisfactory to the department of~~
13 ~~completion of a motorcycle safety training program that~~
14 ~~is operated pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with~~
15 ~~Section 2930) of Chapter 5 of Division 2.~~

16 ~~(j) Drivers of vanpool vehicles may operate with class~~
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19 ~~vanpool vehicles. In order to be eligible to drive the~~
20 ~~vanpool vehicle, the driver shall keep in the vanpool~~
21 ~~vehicle a statement, signed under penalty of perjury, that~~
22 ~~he or she has not been convicted of reckless driving,~~
23 ~~drunk driving, or a hit-and-run offense in the last five~~
24 ~~years.~~

25 ~~(k) This section shall become operative on March 1,~~
26 ~~2001.~~

27 ~~SEC. 1.7. Section 12804.9 of the Vehicle Code, as~~
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29 ~~1999, is amended to read:~~

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37 ~~directional signs.~~

38 ~~(C) A test of the applicant's understanding of traffic~~
39 ~~signs and signals, including the bikeway signs, markers,~~



1 and traffic control devices established by the Department
2 of Transportation.

3 (D) An actual demonstration of the applicant's ability
4 to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in operating
5 a motor vehicle by driving it under the supervision of an
6 examining officer. The applicant shall submit to an
7 examination appropriate to the type of motor vehicle or
8 combination of vehicles he or she desires a license to
9 drive, except that the department may waive the driving
10 test part of the examination for any applicant who
11 submits a license issued by another state, territory, or
12 possession of the United States, the District of Columbia,
13 or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico if the department
14 verifies through any acknowledged national driver
15 record data source that there are no stops, holds, or other
16 impediments to its issuance. The examining officer may
17 request to see evidence of financial responsibility for the
18 vehicle prior to supervising the demonstration of the
19 applicant's ability to operate the vehicle. The examining
20 officer may refuse to examine an applicant who is unable
21 to provide proof of financial responsibility for the vehicle,
22 unless proof of financial responsibility is not required by
23 this code.

24 (E) A test of the hearing and eyesight of the applicant,
25 and of other matters that may be necessary to determine
26 the applicant's mental and physical fitness to operate a
27 motor vehicle upon the highways, and whether any
28 grounds exist for refusal of a license under this code.

29 (2) The examination for a class A or class B license
30 under subdivision (b) shall also include a report of a
31 medical examination of the applicant given not more
32 than two years prior to the date of the application by a
33 health care professional. As used in this subdivision,
34 "health care professional" means a person who is
35 licensed, certified, or registered in accordance with
36 applicable state laws and regulations to practice medicine
37 and perform physical examinations in the United States
38 of America. Health care professionals are doctors of
39 medicine, doctors of osteopathy, physician assistants, and
40 advanced practice nurses, or doctors of chiropractic who



1 are clinically competent to perform the medical
2 examination presently required of motor carrier drivers
3 by the Federal Highway Administration. The report shall
4 be on a form approved by the department, the Federal
5 Highway Administration, or the Federal Aviation
6 Administration. In establishing the requirements,
7 consideration may be given to the standards presently
8 required of motor carrier drivers by the Federal Highway
9 Administration.

10 (3) Any physical defect of the applicant, which, in the
11 opinion of the department, is compensated for to ensure
12 safe driving ability, shall not prevent the issuance of a
13 license to the applicant.

14 (b) Beginning on January 1, 1989, in accordance with
15 the following classifications, any applicant for a driver's
16 license shall be required to submit to an examination
17 appropriate to the type of motor vehicle or combination
18 of vehicles the applicant desires a license to drive:

19 (1) Class A includes the following:

20 (A) Any combination of vehicles, if any vehicle being
21 towed has a gross vehicle weight rating of more than
22 10,000 pounds.

23 (B) Any vehicle towing more than one vehicle.

24 (C) Any trailer bus.

25 (D) The operation of all vehicles under class B and
26 class C.

27 (2) Class B includes the following:

28 (A) Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight
29 rating of more than 26,000 pounds.

30 (B) Any single vehicle with three or more axles,
31 except any three-axle vehicle weighing less than 6,000
32 pounds.

33 (C) Any bus except a trailer bus.

34 (D) Any farm labor vehicle.

35 (E) Any single vehicle with three or more axles or a
36 gross vehicle weight rating of more than 26,000 pounds
37 towing another vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating
38 of 10,000 pounds or less.

39 (F) The operation of all vehicles covered under class
40 C.



1 ~~(3) Class C includes the following:~~

2 ~~(A) Any two-axle vehicle with a gross vehicle weight~~
3 ~~rating of 26,000 pounds or less, including when the vehicle~~
4 ~~is towing a trailer or semitrailer with a gross vehicle~~
5 ~~weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less.~~

6 ~~(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), any two-axle~~
7 ~~vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds or more unladen when~~
8 ~~towing a trailer coach not exceeding 9,000 pounds gross.~~

9 ~~(C) Any house car.~~

10 ~~(D) Any three-axle vehicle weighing 6,000 pounds or~~
11 ~~less gross.~~

12 ~~(E) Any house car or vehicle towing another vehicle~~
13 ~~with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less,~~
14 ~~including when a tow dolly is used. No vehicle shall tow~~
15 ~~another vehicle in violation of Section 21715.~~

16 ~~(F) (i) Any two-axle vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds~~
17 ~~or more unladen when towing either a trailer coach or a~~
18 ~~fifth-wheel travel trailer not exceeding 10,000 pounds~~
19 ~~gross vehicle weight rating, when the towing of the trailer~~
20 ~~is not for compensation.~~

21 ~~(ii) Any two-axle vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds or~~
22 ~~more unladen when towing a fifth-wheel travel trailer~~
23 ~~exceeding 10,000 pounds, but not exceeding 15,000~~
24 ~~pounds, gross vehicle weight rating, when the towing of~~
25 ~~the trailer is not for compensation, and if the person has~~
26 ~~passed a specialized written examination provided by the~~
27 ~~department relating to the knowledge of this code and~~
28 ~~other safety aspects governing the towing of recreational~~
29 ~~vehicles upon the highway.~~

30 ~~The authority to operate combinations of vehicles~~
31 ~~under this subparagraph shall be granted by~~
32 ~~endorsement on a class C license upon completion of that~~
33 ~~written examination.~~

34 ~~(G) Any vehicle or combination of vehicles with a~~
35 ~~gross combination weight rating or a gross vehicle weight~~
36 ~~rating, as those terms are defined in subdivisions (g) and~~
37 ~~(h), respectively, of Section 15210, of 26,000 pounds or~~
38 ~~less, if all of the following conditions are met:~~

39 ~~(i) Is operated by a farmer, an employee of a farmer,~~
40 ~~or an instructor credentialed in agriculture as part of an~~



~~1 instructional program in agriculture at the high school,
2 community college, or university level.~~

~~3 (ii) Is used exclusively in the conduct of agricultural
4 operations.~~

~~5 (iii) Is not used in the capacity of a for-hire carrier or
6 for compensation.~~

~~7 (H) Any motor vehicle over 4,000 pounds unladen
8 when towing a boat trailer with a gross combination
9 weight rating, as defined in subdivision (g) of Section
10 15210, of 26,000 pounds or less when towing a boat trailer
11 under the following conditions:~~

~~12 (i) The combination of vehicles is used to transport a
13 boat for recreational purposes or to and from a place of
14 repair.~~

~~15 (ii) The combination of vehicles is not used in the
16 operations of a common or contract carrier or in the
17 course of any business endeavor.~~

~~18 (iii) The towing of the trailer is not for compensation.~~

~~19 (iv) The combination of vehicles and its load are not
20 of a size that requires a permit pursuant to Section 35780.~~

~~21 (I) Class C does not include any two-wheel motorcycle
22 or any two-wheel motor-driven cycle.~~

~~23 (4) Class M1. Any two-wheel motorcycle or
24 motor-driven cycle. Authority to operate vehicles
25 included in a class M1 license may be granted by
26 endorsement on a class A, B, or C license upon completion
27 of an appropriate examination.~~

~~28 (5) Class M2. Any motorized bicycle or moped, or any
29 bicycle with an attached motor, except a motorized
30 bicycle described in subdivision (b) of Section 406 and a
31 motorized scooter described in Section 407.5. Authority
32 to operate vehicles included in class M2 may be granted
33 by endorsement on a class A, B, or C license upon
34 completion of an appropriate examination. Persons
35 holding a class M1 license or endorsement may operate
36 vehicles included in class M2 without further
37 examination.~~

~~38 (e) No driver's license or driver certificate shall be
39 valid for operating any commercial motor vehicle, as
40 defined in subdivision (b) of Section 15210, any other~~



1 ~~motor vehicle defined in paragraph (1) or (2) of~~
2 ~~subdivision (b), or any other vehicle requiring a driver to~~
3 ~~hold any driver certificate or any driver's license~~
4 ~~endorsement under Section 15275, unless a medical~~
5 ~~certificate approved by the department, the Federal~~
6 ~~Highway Administration, or the Federal Aviation~~
7 ~~Administration, that has been issued within two years of~~
8 ~~the date of the operation of that vehicle, is within the~~
9 ~~licensee's immediate possession, and a copy of the~~
10 ~~medical examination report from which the certificate~~
11 ~~was issued is on file with the department. Otherwise, the~~
12 ~~license shall be valid only for operating class C vehicles~~
13 ~~that are not commercial vehicles, as defined in~~
14 ~~subdivision (b) of Section 15210, and for operating class~~
15 ~~M1 or M2 vehicles, if so endorsed, that are not commercial~~
16 ~~vehicles, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 15210.~~

17 ~~(d) A license or driver certificate issued prior to the~~
18 ~~enactment of Chapter 7 (commencing with Section~~
19 ~~15200) shall be valid to operate the class or type of~~
20 ~~vehicles specified under the law in existence prior to that~~
21 ~~enactment until the license or certificate expires or is~~
22 ~~otherwise suspended, revoked, or canceled.~~

23 ~~(e) The department may accept a certificate of~~
24 ~~driving skill that is issued by an employer, authorized by~~
25 ~~the department to issue a certificate under Section 15250,~~
26 ~~of the applicant, in lieu of a driving test, on class A or B~~
27 ~~applications, if the applicant has first qualified for a class~~
28 ~~C license and has met the other examination~~
29 ~~requirements for the license for which he or she is~~
30 ~~applying. The certificate may be submitted as evidence~~
31 ~~of the applicant's skill in the operation of the types of~~
32 ~~equipment covered by the license for which he or she is~~
33 ~~applying.~~

34 ~~(f) The department may accept a certificate of~~
35 ~~competence in lieu of a driving test on class M1 or M2~~
36 ~~applications, when the certificate is issued by a law~~
37 ~~enforcement agency for its officers who operate class M1~~
38 ~~or M2 vehicles in their duties, if the applicant has met the~~
39 ~~other examination requirements for the license for which~~
40 ~~he or she is applying.~~



1 ~~(g) The department may accept a certificate of~~
2 ~~satisfactory completion of a novice motorecyclist training~~
3 ~~program approved by the commissioner pursuant to~~
4 ~~Section 2932 in lieu of a driving test on class M1 or M2~~
5 ~~applications, if the applicant has met the other~~
6 ~~examination requirements for the license for which he or~~
7 ~~she is applying. The department shall review and approve~~
8 ~~the written and driving test used by a program to~~
9 ~~determine whether the program may issue a certificate~~
10 ~~of completion.~~

11 ~~(h) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), any person~~
12 ~~holding a valid California driver's license of any class may~~
13 ~~operate a short-term rental motorized bicycle without~~
14 ~~taking any special examination for the operation of a~~
15 ~~motorized bicycle, and without having a class M2~~
16 ~~endorsement on that license. As used in this paragraph,~~
17 ~~“short-term” means 48 hours or less.~~

18 ~~(i) No person under the age of 21 years shall be issued~~
19 ~~a class M1 or M2 license or endorsement unless he or she~~
20 ~~provides evidence satisfactory to the department of~~
21 ~~completion of a motoreycle safety training program that~~
22 ~~is operated pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with~~
23 ~~Section 2930) of Chapter 5 of Division 2.~~

24 ~~(j) Drivers of vanpool vehicles may operate with class~~
25 ~~C licenses but shall possess evidence of a medical~~
26 ~~examination required for a class B license when operating~~
27 ~~vanpool vehicles. In order to be eligible to drive the~~
28 ~~vanpool vehicle, the driver shall keep in the vanpool~~
29 ~~vehicle a statement, signed under penalty of perjury, that~~
30 ~~he or she has not been convicted of reckless driving,~~
31 ~~drunk driving, or a hit-and-run offense in the last five~~
32 ~~years.~~

33 ~~(k) A class M license issued between January 1, 1989,~~
34 ~~and December 31, 1992, shall permit the holder to operate~~
35 ~~any motoreycle, motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle~~
36 ~~until the expiration of the license.~~

37 ~~(l) This section shall remain in effect only until March~~
38 ~~1, 2001, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later~~
39 ~~enacted statute, that is enacted before March 1, 2001,~~
40 ~~deletes or extends that date.~~



1 ~~SEC. 1.8. Section 12804.9 of the Vehicle Code, as~~
2 ~~amended by Section 3 of Chapter 722 of the Statutes of~~
3 ~~1999, is amended to read:~~

4 ~~12804.9. (a) (1) The examination shall include all of~~
5 ~~the following:~~

6 ~~(A) A test of the applicant's knowledge and~~
7 ~~understanding of the provisions of this code governing~~
8 ~~the operation of vehicles upon the highways.~~

9 ~~(B) A test of the applicant's ability to read and~~
10 ~~understand simple English used in highway traffic and~~
11 ~~directional signs.~~

12 ~~(C) A test of the applicant's understanding of traffic~~
13 ~~signs and signals, including the bikeway signs, markers,~~
14 ~~and traffic control devices established by the Department~~
15 ~~of Transportation.~~

16 ~~(D) An actual demonstration of the applicant's ability~~
17 ~~to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in operating~~
18 ~~a motor vehicle by driving it under the supervision of an~~
19 ~~examining officer. The applicant shall submit to an~~
20 ~~examination appropriate to the type of motor vehicle or~~
21 ~~combination of vehicles he or she desires a license to~~
22 ~~drive, except that the department may waive the driving~~
23 ~~test part of the examination for any applicant who~~
24 ~~submits a license issued by another state, territory, or~~
25 ~~possession of the United States, the District of Columbia,~~
26 ~~or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico if the department~~
27 ~~verifies through an acknowledged national driver record~~
28 ~~data source that there are no stops, holds, or other~~
29 ~~impediments to its issuance. The examining officer may~~
30 ~~request to see evidence of financial responsibility for the~~
31 ~~vehicle prior to supervising the demonstration of the~~
32 ~~applicant's ability to operate the vehicle. The examining~~
33 ~~officer may refuse to examine an applicant who is unable~~
34 ~~to provide proof of financial responsibility for the vehicle;~~
35 ~~unless proof of financial responsibility is not required by~~
36 ~~this code.~~

37 ~~(E) A test of the hearing and eyesight of the applicant,~~
38 ~~and of other matters that may be necessary to determine~~
39 ~~the applicant's mental and physical fitness to operate a~~



1 ~~motor vehicle upon the highways, and whether any~~
2 ~~ground exists for refusal of a license under this code.~~

3 ~~(2) The examination for a class A or class B license~~
4 ~~under subdivision (b) shall also include a report of a~~
5 ~~medical examination of the applicant given not more~~
6 ~~than two years prior to the date of the application by a~~
7 ~~health care professional. As used in this subdivision,~~
8 ~~“health care professional” means a person who is~~
9 ~~licensed, certified, or registered in accordance with~~
10 ~~applicable state laws and regulations to practice medicine~~
11 ~~and perform physical examinations in the United States~~
12 ~~of America. Health care professionals are doctors of~~
13 ~~medicine, doctors of osteopathy, physician assistants, and~~
14 ~~advanced practice nurses, or doctors of chiropractic who~~
15 ~~are clinically competent to perform the medical~~
16 ~~examination presently required of motor carrier drivers~~
17 ~~by the Federal Highway Administration. The report shall~~
18 ~~be on a form approved by the department, the Federal~~
19 ~~Highway Administration, or the Federal Aviation~~
20 ~~Administration. In establishing the requirements,~~
21 ~~consideration may be given to the standards presently~~
22 ~~required of motor carrier drivers by the Federal Highway~~
23 ~~Administration.~~

24 ~~(3) Any physical defect of the applicant, which, in the~~
25 ~~opinion of the department, is compensated for to ensure~~
26 ~~safe driving ability, shall not prevent the issuance of a~~
27 ~~license to the applicant.~~

28 ~~(b) Beginning on January 1, 1989, in accordance with~~
29 ~~the following classifications, any applicant for a driver’s~~
30 ~~license shall be required to submit to an examination~~
31 ~~appropriate to the type of motor vehicle or combination~~
32 ~~of vehicles the applicant desires a license to drive:~~

33 ~~(1) Class A includes the following:~~

34 ~~(A) Any combination of vehicles, if any vehicle being~~
35 ~~towed has a gross vehicle weight rating of more than~~
36 ~~10,000 pounds.~~

37 ~~(B) Any vehicle towing more than one vehicle.~~

38 ~~(C) Any trailer bus.~~

39 ~~(D) The operation of all vehicles under class B and~~
40 ~~class C.~~



1 ~~(2) Class B includes the following:~~

2 ~~(A) Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight~~
3 ~~rating of more than 26,000 pounds.~~

4 ~~(B) Any single vehicle with three or more axles,~~
5 ~~except any three-axle vehicle weighing less than 6,000~~
6 ~~pounds.~~

7 ~~(C) Any bus except a trailer bus.~~

8 ~~(D) Any farm labor vehicle.~~

9 ~~(E) Any single vehicle with three or more axles or a~~
10 ~~gross vehicle weight rating of more than 26,000 pounds~~
11 ~~towing another vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating~~
12 ~~of 10,000 pounds or less.~~

13 ~~(F) The operation of all vehicles covered under class~~
14 ~~C.~~

15 ~~(3) Class C includes the following:~~

16 ~~(A) Any two-axle vehicle with a gross vehicle weight~~
17 ~~rating of 26,000 pounds or less, including when the vehicle~~
18 ~~is towing a trailer or semitrailer with a gross vehicle~~
19 ~~weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less.~~

20 ~~(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), any two-axle~~
21 ~~vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds or more unladen when~~
22 ~~towing a trailer coach not exceeding 9,000 pounds gross.~~

23 ~~(C) Any house car of 40 feet in length or less.~~

24 ~~(D) Any three-axle vehicle weighing 6,000 pounds or~~
25 ~~less gross.~~

26 ~~(E) Any house car or vehicle towing another vehicle~~
27 ~~with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less,~~
28 ~~including when a tow dolly is used. No vehicle shall tow~~
29 ~~another vehicle in violation of Section 21715.~~

30 ~~(F) Any house car over 40 feet in length, excluding~~
31 ~~safety devices and safety bumpers, if the applicant has~~
32 ~~passed a specialized written examination and~~
33 ~~demonstrated the ability to exercise ordinary and~~
34 ~~reasonable control in operating that vehicle by driving it~~
35 ~~under the supervision of an examining officer and is~~
36 ~~issued an endorsement by the department. Upon~~
37 ~~application for an endorsement to operate this vehicle,~~
38 ~~and every two years thereafter, the applicant shall submit~~
39 ~~medical information on a form approved by the~~
40 ~~department.~~



1 ~~(G) (i) Any two-axle vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds~~
2 ~~or more unladen when towing either a trailer coach or a~~
3 ~~fifth-wheel travel trailer not exceeding 10,000 pounds~~
4 ~~gross vehicle weight rating, when the towing of the trailer~~
5 ~~is not for compensation.~~

6 ~~(ii) Any two-axle vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds or~~
7 ~~more unladen when towing a fifth-wheel travel trailer~~
8 ~~exceeding 10,000 pounds, but not exceeding 15,000~~
9 ~~pounds, gross vehicle weight rating, when the towing of~~
10 ~~the trailer is not for compensation, and if the person has~~
11 ~~passed a specialized written examination provided by the~~
12 ~~department relating to the knowledge of this code and~~
13 ~~other safety aspects governing the towing of recreational~~
14 ~~vehicles upon the highway.~~

15 ~~The authority to operate combinations of vehicles~~
16 ~~under this subparagraph shall be granted by~~
17 ~~endorsement on a class C license upon completion of that~~
18 ~~written examination.~~

19 ~~(H) Any vehicle or combination of vehicles with a~~
20 ~~gross combination weight rating or a gross vehicle weight~~
21 ~~rating, as those terms are defined in subdivisions (g) and~~
22 ~~(h), respectively, of Section 15210, of 26,000 pounds or~~
23 ~~less, if all of the following conditions are met:~~

24 ~~(i) Is operated by a farmer, an employee of a farmer,~~
25 ~~or an instructor credentialed in agriculture as part of an~~
26 ~~instructional program in agriculture at the high school,~~
27 ~~community college, or university level.~~

28 ~~(ii) Is used exclusively in the conduct of agricultural~~
29 ~~operations.~~

30 ~~(iii) Is not used in the capacity of a for-hire carrier or~~
31 ~~for compensation.~~

32 ~~(I) Any motor vehicle over 4,000 pounds unladen~~
33 ~~when towing a boat trailer with a gross combination~~
34 ~~weight rating, as defined in subdivision (g) of Section~~
35 ~~15210, of 26,000 pounds or less when towing a boat trailer~~
36 ~~under the following conditions:~~

37 ~~(i) The combination of vehicles is used to transport a~~
38 ~~boat for recreational purposes or to and from a place of~~
39 ~~repair.~~



1 ~~(ii) The combination of vehicles is not used in the~~
2 ~~operations of a common or contract carrier or in the~~
3 ~~course of any business endeavor.~~

4 ~~(iii) The towing of the trailer is not for compensation.~~

5 ~~(iv) The combination of vehicles and its load are not~~
6 ~~of a size that requires a permit pursuant to Section 35780.~~

7 ~~(J) Class C does not include any two-wheel motorcycle~~
8 ~~or any two-wheel motor-driven cycle.~~

9 ~~(4) Class M1. Any two-wheel motorcycle or~~
10 ~~motor-driven cycle. Authority to operate vehicles~~
11 ~~included in a class M1 license may be granted by~~
12 ~~endorsement on a class A, B, or C license upon completion~~
13 ~~of an appropriate examination.~~

14 ~~(5) Class M2. Any motorized bicycle or moped, or any~~
15 ~~bicycle with an attached motor, except a motorized~~
16 ~~bicycle described in subdivision (b) of Section 406 and a~~
17 ~~motorized scooter described in Section 407.5. Authority~~
18 ~~to operate vehicles included in class M2 may be granted~~
19 ~~by endorsement on a class A, B, or C license upon~~
20 ~~completion of an appropriate examination. Persons~~
21 ~~holding a class M1 license or endorsement may operate~~
22 ~~vehicles included in class M2 without further~~
23 ~~examination.~~

24 ~~(e) No driver's license or driver certificate shall be~~
25 ~~valid for operating any commercial motor vehicle, as~~
26 ~~defined in subdivision (b) of Section 15210, any other~~
27 ~~motor vehicle defined in paragraph (1) or (2) of~~
28 ~~subdivision (b), or any other vehicle requiring a driver to~~
29 ~~hold any driver certificate or any driver's license~~
30 ~~endorsement under Section 15275, unless a medical~~
31 ~~certificate approved by the department, the Federal~~
32 ~~Highway Administration, or the Federal Aviation~~
33 ~~Administration, that has been issued within two years of~~
34 ~~the date of the operation of that vehicle, is within the~~
35 ~~licensee's immediate possession, and a copy of the~~
36 ~~medical examination report from which the certificate~~
37 ~~was issued is on file with the department. Otherwise, the~~
38 ~~license shall be valid only for operating class C vehicles~~
39 ~~that are not commercial vehicles, as defined in~~
40 ~~subdivision (b) of Section 15210, and for operating class~~



1 ~~M1 or M2 vehicles, if so endorsed, that are not commercial~~
2 ~~vehicles, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 15210.~~

3 ~~(d) A license or driver certificate issued prior to the~~
4 ~~enactment of Chapter 7 (commencing with Section~~
5 ~~15200) shall be valid to operate the class or type of~~
6 ~~vehicles specified under the law in existence prior to that~~
7 ~~enactment until the license or certificate expires or is~~
8 ~~otherwise suspended, revoked, or canceled.~~

9 ~~(e) The department may accept a certificate of~~
10 ~~driving skill that is issued by an employer, authorized by~~
11 ~~the department to issue a certificate under Section 15250,~~
12 ~~of the applicant, in lieu of a driving test, on class A or B~~
13 ~~applications, if the applicant has first qualified for a class~~
14 ~~C license and has met the other examination~~
15 ~~requirements for the license for which he or she is~~
16 ~~applying. The certificate may be submitted as evidence~~
17 ~~of the applicant's skill in the operation of the types of~~
18 ~~equipment covered by the license for which he or she is~~
19 ~~applying.~~

20 ~~(f) The department may accept a certificate of~~
21 ~~competence in lieu of a driving test on class M1 or M2~~
22 ~~applications, when the certificate is issued by a law~~
23 ~~enforcement agency for its officers who operate class M1~~
24 ~~or M2 vehicles in their duties, if the applicant has met the~~
25 ~~other examination requirements for the license for which~~
26 ~~he or she is applying.~~

27 ~~(g) The department may accept a certificate of~~
28 ~~satisfactory completion of a novice motorecyclist training~~
29 ~~program approved by the commissioner pursuant to~~
30 ~~Section 2932 in lieu of a driving test on class M1 or M2~~
31 ~~applications, if the applicant has met the other~~
32 ~~examination requirements for the license for which he or~~
33 ~~she is applying. The department shall review and approve~~
34 ~~the written and driving test used by a program to~~
35 ~~determine whether the program may issue a certificate~~
36 ~~of completion.~~

37 ~~(h) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), any person~~
38 ~~holding a valid California driver's license of any class may~~
39 ~~operate a short-term rental motorized bicycle without~~
40 ~~taking any special examination for the operation of a~~



1 ~~motorized bicycle, and without having a class M2~~
2 ~~endorsement on that license. As used in this paragraph,~~
3 ~~“short-term” means 48 hours or less.~~

4 ~~(i) No person under the age of 21 years shall be issued~~
5 ~~a class M1 or M2 license or endorsement unless he or she~~
6 ~~provides evidence satisfactory to the department of~~
7 ~~completion of a motorcycle safety training program that~~
8 ~~is operated pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with~~
9 ~~Section 2930) of Chapter 5 of Division 2.~~

10 ~~(j) Drivers of vanpool vehicles may operate with class~~
11 ~~C licenses but shall possess evidence of a medical~~
12 ~~examination required for a class B license when operating~~
13 ~~vanpool vehicles. In order to be eligible to drive the~~
14 ~~vanpool vehicle, the driver shall keep in the vanpool~~
15 ~~vehicle a statement, signed under penalty of perjury, that~~
16 ~~he or she has not been convicted of reckless driving,~~
17 ~~drunk driving, or a hit-and-run offense in the last five~~
18 ~~years.~~

19 ~~(k) This section shall become operative on March 1,~~
20 ~~2001.~~

21 ~~SEC. 1.9. Section 12804.9 of the Vehicle Code, as~~
22 ~~amended by Section 4 of Chapter 722 of the Statutes of~~
23 ~~1999, is repealed.~~

24 ~~SEC. 2. Section 12804.15 is added to the Vehicle Code,~~

25 ~~SECTION 1. Section 12804.10 is added to the Vehicle~~
26 ~~Code, to read:~~

27 *12804.10. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of*
28 *law, a person issued a class C license under paragraph (3)*
29 *of subdivision (b) of Section 12804.9 may drive any house*
30 *car of 40 feet in length or less without obtaining an*
31 *endorsement described in subdivision (b).*

32 *(b) Any person seeking to drive any house car over 40*
33 *feet in length, excluding safety devices and safety*
34 *bumpers, shall obtain the endorsement described in this*
35 *subdivision. The applicant for that endorsement shall pass*
36 *a specialized written examination and demonstrate the*
37 *ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in*
38 *operating that vehicle by driving it under the supervision*
39 *of an examining officer. Upon satisfactory completion of*
40 *the examination and demonstration, the applicant shall*



1 *be issued an endorsement by the department. Upon*
2 *application for an endorsement to operate this vehicle,*
3 *and every two years thereafter, the applicant shall submit*
4 *medical information on a form approved by the*
5 *department.*

6 *SEC. 2. Section 12804.15 is added to the Vehicle Code,*
7 *to read:*

8 12804.15. (a) Notwithstanding Section 362, for
9 purposes of this section “house car” means a vehicle
10 ~~described in subparagraph (F) of paragraph (3) of~~
11 ~~subdivision (b) of Section 12804.9. described in~~
12 *subdivision (b) of Section 12804.10.*

13 (b) No person may operate a house car unless that
14 person has in his or her possession a valid driver’s license
15 of the appropriate class and an endorsement thereto
16 issued by the department to permit operation of the
17 house car.

18 (c) An endorsement to drive a house car may be issued
19 only if the applicant meets both of the following
20 conditions:

21 (1) The applicant successfully completes an
22 examination prescribed by the department to determine
23 qualification for the endorsement.

24 (2) Upon initial application and every two years
25 thereafter, the applicant submits medical information on
26 a form approved by the department to verify that the
27 person meets the minimum medical requirements
28 established by the department for operation of a house
29 car.

30 (d) The department may deny, suspend, or revoke an
31 endorsement to drive a house car when the applicant
32 does not meet any requirement for the issuance or
33 retention of the endorsement.

34 (e) This section shall become operative on March 1,
35 2001.

36 *SEC. 3. Section 14100 of the Vehicle Code is amended*
37 *to read:*

38 14100. (a) Whenever the department has given
39 notice, or has taken or proposes to take action under
40 Section 12804.15, 13353, 13353.2, 13950, 13951, 13952, or



1 13953, the person receiving the notice or subject to the
2 action may, within 10 days, demand a hearing which shall
3 be granted, except as provided in Section 14101.

4 (b) An application for a hearing does not stay the
5 action by the department for which the notice is given.

6 (c) The fact that a person has the right to request an
7 administrative hearing within 10 days after receipt of the
8 notice of the order of suspension under this section and
9 Section 16070, and that the request is required to be made
10 within 10 days in order to receive a determination prior
11 to the effective date of the suspension shall be made
12 prominent on the notice.

13 (d) The department shall make available notices, to
14 accompany the notice provided pursuant to this section,
15 that provide the information required pursuant to
16 subdivision (c) in all non-English languages spoken by a
17 substantial number of the public served by the
18 department, and shall distribute the notices as it
19 determines is appropriate.

20 (e) The department shall implement the provisions of
21 subdivisions (c) and (d) as soon as practicable, but not
22 later than January 1, 1994.

23 SEC. 4. Section 35400 of the Vehicle Code is amended
24 to read:

25 35400. (a) No vehicle shall exceed a length of 40 feet.

26 (b) This section does not apply to any of the following:

27 (1) A vehicle used in a combination of vehicles when
28 the excess length is caused by auxiliary parts, equipment,
29 or machinery not used as space to carry any part of the
30 load, except that the combination of vehicles shall not
31 exceed the length provided for combination vehicles.

32 (2) A vehicle when the excess length is caused by any
33 parts necessary to comply with the fender and mudguard
34 regulations of this code.

35 (3) (A) An articulated bus or articulated trolley coach
36 that does not exceed a length of 60 feet.

37 (B) An articulated bus or articulated trolley coach
38 described in subparagraph (A) may be equipped with a
39 folding device attached to the front of the bus or trolley
40 if the device is designed and used exclusively for



1 transporting bicycles. The device, including any bicycles
2 transported thereon, shall be mounted in a manner that
3 does not materially affect efficiency or visibility of vehicle
4 safety equipment, and shall not extend more than 30
5 inches from the front of the bus or trolley coach when
6 fully deployed. The handlebars of a bicycle that is
7 transported on a device described in this subparagraph
8 shall not extend more than 42 inches from the front of the
9 bus.

10 (4) A semitrailer while being towed by a motortruck
11 or truck tractor, if the distance from the kingpin to the
12 rearmost axle of the semitrailer does not exceed 40 feet
13 for semitrailers having two or more axles, or 38 feet for
14 semitrailers having one axle if the semitrailer does not,
15 exclusive of attachments, extend forward of the rear of
16 the cab of the motortruck or truck tractor.

17 (5) A bus or house car when the excess length is caused
18 by the projection of a front safety bumper or a rear safety
19 bumper, or both. The safety bumper shall not cause the
20 length of the vehicle to exceed the maximum legal limit
21 by more than one foot in the front and one foot in the rear.
22 For the purposes of this chapter, "safety bumper" means
23 any device that is fitted on an existing bumper or which
24 replaces the bumper and is constructed, treated, or
25 manufactured to absorb energy upon impact.

26 (6) A bus when the excess length is caused by a device,
27 located in front of the front axle, for lifting wheelchairs
28 into the bus. That device shall not cause the length of the
29 bus to be extended by more than 18 inches, inclusive of
30 any front safety bumper.

31 (7) A bus when the excess length is caused by a device
32 attached to the rear of the bus designed and used
33 exclusively for the transporting of bicycles. This device
34 may be up to 10 feet in length, if the device, along with
35 any other device permitted pursuant to this section, does
36 not cause the total length of the bus, including any device
37 or load, to exceed 50 feet.

38 (8) A bus operated by a public agency or a passenger
39 stage corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public
40 Utilities Code, used in transit system service, other than



1 a schoolbus, when the excess length is caused by a folding
2 device attached to the front of the bus which is designed
3 and used exclusively for transporting bicycles. The
4 device, including any bicycles transported thereon, shall
5 be mounted in a manner that does not materially affect
6 efficiency or visibility of vehicle safety equipment, and
7 shall not extend more than 36 inches from the front of the
8 bus when fully deployed. The handlebars of a bicycle that
9 is transported on a device described in this paragraph
10 shall not extend more than 42 inches from the front of the
11 bus. A device described in this paragraph may not be used
12 on any bus which, exclusive of the device, exceeds 40 feet
13 in length or on any bus having a device attached to the
14 rear of the bus pursuant to paragraph (7).

15 (9) A bus of a length of up to 45 feet when operating
16 on those highways specified in subdivision (a) of Section
17 35401.5. The Department of Transportation or local
18 authorities, with respect to highways under their
19 respective jurisdictions, shall not deny reasonable access
20 to a bus of a length of up to 45 feet between the highways
21 specified in subdivision (a) of Section 35401.5 and points
22 of loading and unloading for motor carriers of passengers
23 as required by the federal Intermodal Surface
24 Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (P.L. 102-240).

25 (10) (A) A house car of a length of up to 45 feet when
26 operating on the National System of Interstate and
27 Defense Highways or when using those portions of
28 federal aid primary system highways that have been
29 qualified by the United States Secretary of
30 Transportation for that use, or when using routes
31 appropriately identified by the Department of
32 Transportation or local authorities, with respect to
33 highways under their respective jurisdictions.

34 (B) A house car described in subparagraph (A) may
35 also use highways not specified in subparagraph (A) that
36 provide reasonable access to facilities for purposes limited
37 to fuel, food, and lodging when that access is consistent
38 with the safe operation of the vehicle and when the
39 facility is within one road mile of identified points of



1 ingress and egress to or from highways specified in
2 subparagraph (A) for use by that vehicle.

3 (C) As used in this paragraph and paragraph (9),
4 “reasonable access” means access substantially similar to
5 that authorized for combinations of vehicles pursuant to
6 subdivision (c) of Section 35401.5.

7 (D) Any access route established by a local authority
8 pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 35401.5 is open for
9 access by a house car of a length of up to 45 feet. In
10 addition, local authorities may establish a process
11 whereby access to services by house cars of a length of up
12 to 45 feet may be applied for upon a route not previously
13 established as an access route. The denial of a request for
14 access to services shall be only on the basis of safety and
15 an engineering analysis of the proposed access route. In
16 lieu of processing an access application, local authorities,
17 with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, may
18 provide signing, mapping, or a listing of highways, as
19 necessary, to indicate the use of these specific routes by
20 a house car of a length of up to 45 feet.

21 (c) The Legislature, by increasing the maximum
22 permissible kingpin to rearmost axle distance to 40 feet
23 effective January 1, 1987, as provided in paragraph (4) of
24 subdivision (b), does not intend this action to be
25 considered a precedent for any future increases in truck
26 size and length limitations.

27 (d) Any transit bus equipped with a folding device
28 installed on or after January 1, 1999, that is permitted
29 under subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision
30 (b) or under paragraph (8) of subdivision (b) shall be
31 additionally equipped with any of the following:

32 (1) An indicator light that is visible to the driver and
33 is activated whenever the folding device is in an extended
34 position.

35 (2) Any other device or mechanism that provides
36 notice to the driver that the folding device is in an
37 extended position.

38 (3) A mechanism that causes the folding device to
39 retract automatically from an extended position.



1 (e) (1) No person shall improperly or unsafely mount
2 a bicycle on a device described in subparagraph (B) of
3 paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), or in paragraph (8) of
4 subdivision (b).

5 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 23114
6 or subdivision (a) of Section 24002 or any other provision
7 of law, when a bicycle is improperly or unsafely loaded by
8 a passenger onto a transit bus, the passenger, and not the
9 driver, is liable for any violation of this code that is
10 attributable to the improper or unlawful loading of the
11 bicycle.

12 SEC. 4.5. Section 35400 of the Vehicle Code is
13 amended to read:

14 35400. (a) No vehicle shall exceed a length of 40 feet.

15 (b) This section does not apply to any of the following:

16 (1) A vehicle used in a combination of vehicles when
17 the excess length is caused by auxiliary parts, equipment,
18 or machinery not used as space to carry any part of the
19 load, except that the combination of vehicles shall not
20 exceed the length provided for combination vehicles.

21 (2) A vehicle when the excess length is caused by any
22 parts necessary to comply with the fender and mudguard
23 regulations of this code.

24 (3) (A) An articulated bus or articulated trolley coach
25 that does not exceed a length of 60 feet.

26 (B) An articulated bus or articulated trolley coach
27 described in subparagraph (A) may be equipped with a
28 folding device attached to the front of the bus or trolley
29 if the device is designed and used exclusively for
30 transporting bicycles. The device, including any bicycles
31 transported thereon, shall be mounted in a manner that
32 does not materially affect efficiency or visibility of vehicle
33 safety equipment, and shall not extend more than 36
34 inches from the front body of the bus or trolley coach
35 when fully deployed. The handlebars of a bicycle that is
36 transported on a device described in this subparagraph
37 shall not extend more than 42 inches from the front of the
38 bus.

39 (4) A semitrailer while being towed by a motortruck
40 or truck tractor, if the distance from the kingpin to the



1 rearmost axle of the semitrailer does not exceed 40 feet
2 for semitrailers having two or more axles, or 38 feet for
3 semitrailers having one axle if the semitrailer does not,
4 exclusive of attachments, extend forward of the rear of
5 the cab of the motortruck or truck tractor.

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7 by the projection of a front safety bumper or a rear safety
8 bumper, or both. The safety bumper shall not cause the
9 length of the vehicle to exceed the maximum legal limit
10 by more than one foot in the front and one foot in the rear.
11 For the purposes of this chapter, "safety bumper" means
12 any device that is fitted on an existing bumper or which
13 replaces the bumper and is constructed, treated, or
14 manufactured to absorb energy upon impact.

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16 located in front of the front axle, for lifting wheelchairs
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18 bus to be extended by more than 18 inches, inclusive of
19 any front safety bumper.

20 (7) A bus when the excess length is caused by a device
21 attached to the rear of the bus designed and used
22 exclusively for the transporting of bicycles. This device
23 may be up to 10 feet in length, if the device, along with
24 any other device permitted pursuant to this section, does
25 not cause the total length of the bus, including any device
26 or load, to exceed 50 feet.

27 (8) A bus operated by a public agency or a passenger
28 stage corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public
29 Utilities Code, used in transit system service, other than
30 a schoolbus, when the excess length is caused by a folding
31 device attached to the front body of the bus which is
32 designed and used exclusively for transporting bicycles.
33 The device, including any bicycles transported thereon,
34 shall be mounted in a manner that does not materially
35 affect efficiency or visibility of vehicle safety equipment,
36 and shall not extend more than 36 inches from the front
37 of the bus when fully deployed. The handlebars of a
38 bicycle that is transported on a device described in this
39 paragraph shall not extend more than 42 inches from the
40 front of the bus. A device described in this paragraph may



1 not be used on any bus which, exclusive of the device,
2 exceeds 40 feet in length or on any bus having a device
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4 (9) A bus of a length of up to 45 feet when operating
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13 Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (P.L. 102-240).

14 (10) (A) A house car of a length of up to 45 feet when
15 operating on the National System of Interstate and
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18 qualified by the United States Secretary of
19 Transportation for that use, or when using routes
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21 Transportation or local authorities, with respect to
22 highways under their respective jurisdictions.

23 (B) A house car described in subparagraph (A) may
24 also use highways not specified in subparagraph (A) that
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26 to fuel, food, and lodging when that access is consistent
27 with the safe operation of the vehicle and when the
28 facility is within one road mile of identified points of
29 ingress and egress to or from highways specified in
30 subparagraph (A) for use by that vehicle.

31 (C) As used in this paragraph and paragraph (9),
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34 subdivision (c) of Section 35401.5 .

35 (D) Any access route established by a local authority
36 pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 35401.5 is open for
37 access by a house car of a length of up to 45 feet. In
38 addition, local authorities may establish a process
39 whereby access to services by house cars of a length of up
40 to 45 feet may be applied for upon a route not previously



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3 an engineering analysis of the proposed access route. In
4 lieu of processing an access application, local authorities,
5 with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, may
6 provide signing, mapping, or a listing of highways, as
7 necessary, to indicate the use of these specific routes by
8 a house car of a length of up to 45 feet.

9 (c) The Legislature, by increasing the maximum
10 permissible kingpin to rearmost axle distance to 40 feet
11 effective January 1, 1987, as provided in paragraph (4) of
12 subdivision (b), does not intend this action to be
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22 position.

23 (2) Any other device or mechanism that provides
24 notice to the driver that the folding device is in an
25 extended position.

26 (3) A mechanism that causes the folding device to
27 retract automatically from an extended position.

28 (e) (1) No person shall improperly or unsafely mount
29 a bicycle on a device described in subparagraph (B) of
30 paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), or in paragraph (8) of
31 subdivision (b).

32 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 23114
33 or subdivision (a) of Section 24002 or any other provision
34 of law, when a bicycle is improperly or unsafely loaded by
35 a passenger onto a transit bus, the passenger, and not the
36 driver, is liable for any violation of this code that is
37 attributable to the improper or unlawful loading of the
38 bicycle.

39 ~~SEC. 5. Sections 1.7, 1.8, and 1.9 of this bill incorporate~~
40 ~~amendments to Section 12804.9 of the Vehicle Code~~



1 ~~proposed by both this bill and SB 1403. Sections 1.7, 1.8,~~
2 ~~and 1.9 of this bill shall only become operative if (1) both~~
3 ~~bills are enacted and become effective on or before~~
4 ~~January 1, 2001, but this bill becomes operative first, (2)~~
5 ~~each bill amends Section 12804.9 of the Vehicle Code, and~~
6 ~~(3) this bill is enacted after SB 1403, in which case Section~~
7 ~~12804.9 of the Vehicle Code, as amended by Section 1 of~~
8 ~~this bill, shall remain operative only until the operative~~
9 ~~date of SB 1403, at which time both Section 1.7 and~~
10 ~~Section 1.9 of this bill shall become operative, and, on~~
11 ~~March 1, 2001, Section 1.8 shall become operative and~~
12 ~~Section 1.5 shall not become operative.~~

13 ~~SEC. 6.~~

14 *SEC. 5.* Section 4.5 of this bill incorporates
15 amendments to Section 35400 of the Vehicle Code
16 proposed by both this bill and AB 2908. It shall only
17 become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and
18 become effective on or before January 1, 2001, but this bill
19 becomes operative first, (2) each bill amends Section
20 35400 of the Vehicle Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after
21 AB 2908, in which case Section 35400 of the Vehicle Code,
22 as amended by Section 4 of this bill, shall remain operative
23 only until the operative date of AB 2908, at which time
24 Section 4.5 of this bill shall become operative.

25 ~~SEC. 7.~~

26 *SEC. 6.* No reimbursement is required by this act
27 pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
28 Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred
29 by a local agency or school district will be incurred
30 because this act creates a new crime or infraction,
31 eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
32 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section
33 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition
34 of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article
35 XIII B of the California Constitution.

36 ~~SEC. 8.~~

37 *SEC. 7.* This act is an urgency statute necessary for
38 the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,
39 or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the



1 Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts
2 constituting the necessity are:
3 In order to allow house cars of up to 45 feet to be
4 operated on certain highways in accordance with the
5 provisions of this act at the earliest possible time, it is
6 necessary that this act take effect immediately.

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