

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1135

Introduced by Assembly Member Skinner

February 27, 2009

An act to amend Section 4602 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1135, as introduced, Skinner. Vehicles: registration renewal.

Existing law requires an owner of a vehicle to submit an application for renewal of a vehicle registration to the Department of Motor Vehicles no later than midnight of the expiration date.

This bill would require the owner of a vehicle, upon application for renewal of a vehicle registration, to report the current odometer reading of the vehicle. The bill would require that information, except for the name of the vehicle owner, to be public information.

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. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) To assist in achieving California's climate change policy
- 4 objectives as these relate to the state's transportation planning
- 5 goals, it is evident that better information about greenhouse gas
- 6 emissions from motor vehicles will be essential.
- 7 (b) The current use of estimates and models for measuring the
- 8 miles driven and the resulting emissions from those miles driven

1 have been historically useful, but are considered generally
2 inadequate for providing the specific transportation needs of the
3 future.

4 (c) More accurate data about vehicle-miles-traveled—the
5 mileage driven annually by Californians—would provide essential
6 information to guide local transportation and land use planning.
7 Location of transit corridor improvements, light rail, bicycle paths,
8 and high-occupancy freeway lanes now depend on the estimates
9 done by various state agencies, but all of these projects would
10 benefit from more accurate data. Better data would also provide
11 more consistent local and statewide estimates for transportation
12 planning, city planning, and air quality planning efforts. The data
13 would be essential in establishing long-term, historical trends in
14 vehicle use, traffic congestion, energy consumption, and air quality
15 measures, including ozone precursor pollutants and greenhouse
16 gases.

17 (d) Mobile source emissions estimates would be improved due
18 to the detailed information on vehicle-miles traveled by vehicle
19 age. Newer vehicles tend to be cleaner, yet are driven more than
20 older vehicles. This data would be of critical importance to the
21 State Air Resources Board and local air districts in monitoring
22 fleet turnover, and the efficacy of tailpipe controls in reducing
23 criteria pollutants and greenhouse gases.

24 (e) Transportation planning models would be improved due to
25 detailed information on vehicle-miles traveled by neighborhood
26 for each registered vehicle. Vehicles owned by urban households
27 tend to be driven less than vehicles owned in suburban and rural
28 neighborhoods. This consistent statewide database would be critical
29 in identifying trends in vehicle usage in the rural, suburban, and
30 urban neighborhoods in California.

31 SEC. 2. Section 4602 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

32 4602. (a) Application for renewal of a vehicle registration
33 shall be made by the owner not later than midnight of the expiration
34 date, and shall be made by presentation of the registration card
35 last issued for the vehicle or by presentation of a potential
36 registration card issued by the department for use at the time of
37 renewal and by payment of the full registration year fee for the
38 vehicle ~~as provided in this code~~. If the registration card and
39 potential registration card are unavailable, a fee as specified in
40 Section 9265 shall not be paid.

- 1 *(b) At the time of application for renewal of a vehicle*
- 2 *registration, the owner shall report the current odometer reading.*
- 3 *This information, except for the name of the vehicle owner, shall*
- 4 *be public information.*