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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2574

**Introduced by Assembly Member Briggs
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Pacheco)**

February 25, 2000

An act to amend Section 1653.5 of, and to add Section 1678 to, the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2574, as amended, Briggs. Vehicles: driver's license: selective service registration.

Existing law requires every applicant for an original or a renewal of, a driver's license to provide appropriate information concerning identification, personal history, health, knowledge of traffic signs and signals, and the type of motor vehicle the applicant desires to operate. Existing federal law, the *federal* Military Selective Service Act, requires certain males residing in the United States to register in accordance to rules and regulations adopted in accordance with federal law. Existing law also requires all state agencies

to cooperate with the ~~United States~~ *federal* Selective Service System to publicize the necessity of, and the requirements for compliance with the federal act.

This bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles, for every applicant between 18 and 25 years of age, inclusive, with certain exceptions, for an original or a renewal of, a driver's license or identification card to provide the applicant, at the time of application, with notification that males 18 to 25 years of age, inclusive, are or will be required to be in compliance with the federal act and that if the applicant is male and is not already registered with the ~~federal~~ Selective Service System, the applicant ~~may register with the service by checking an appropriate box on the application~~ *would acknowledge that by his application he will be registered with the Selective Service System. The bill would inform the applicant that he may contact the Selective Service System in writing, and request that his name be removed from the registry.* The bill would also require the department, if federal financial support is provided, and in cooperation with the ~~federal selective service system~~ *Selective Service System*, to develop the notification form and applicable implementation procedures. The bill would make a related statement of legislative intent.

The bill would make other, conforming changes in existing law.

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. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature in
2 enacting this act to protect Californians from the
3 penalties associated with the failure to register with the
4 federal Selective Service System and to help ensure that
5 any future draft is fair and equitable to all potential
6 draftees.

7 (b) The Legislature finds and declares that the
8 penalties associated with noncompliance of the Military
9 Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. Sec. 451 and following)
10 are severe, including, but not limited to, a felony



1 conviction, forfeiture of the ability to seek state
2 employment from certain state agencies and
3 departments, and a fine of up to two hundred fifty
4 thousand dollars (\$250,000). In addition, failure to
5 register may permanently preclude the violator from
6 acquiring many federal benefits, such as federal
7 employment, including, but not limited to, employment
8 with the United States Postal Service, federal and state
9 student financial assistance, participation in federally
10 funded job training programs, and eligibility for United
11 States citizenship for immigrants seeking citizenship.

12 (c) Therefore, in recognition of the severe
13 consequences of noncompliance with the federal act and
14 the importance of helping to ensure that any future draft
15 is fair and equitable, it is the intent of the Legislature to
16 notify Californians of their responsibility to register with
17 the federal Selective Service System and to provide them
18 with the opportunity to register concurrent with
19 applying for a driver's license or identification card.

20 SEC. 2. Section 1653.5 of the Vehicle Code is amended
21 to read:

22 1653.5. (a) Every form prescribed by the
23 department for use by an applicant for the issuance or
24 renewal by the department of a driver's license or
25 identification card pursuant to Division 6 (commencing
26 with Section 12500) shall contain a section for the
27 applicant's social security account number.

28 (b) Every form prescribed by the department for use
29 by an applicant for the issuance, renewal, or transfer of
30 the registration or certificate of title to a vehicle shall
31 contain a section for the applicant's driver's license or
32 identification card number.

33 (c) Any person who submits to the department a form
34 that, pursuant to subdivision (a), contains a section for the
35 applicant's social security account number, or pursuant to
36 subdivision (b), the applicant's driver's license or
37 identification card number, if any, shall furnish the
38 appropriate number in the space provided.

39 (d) The department shall not complete any
40 application that does not include the applicant's social



1 security account number or driver's license or
2 identification card number as required by subdivision
3 (c).

4 (e) An applicant's social security account number shall
5 not be included by the department on any driver's
6 license, identification card, registration, certificate of
7 title, or any other document issued by the department.

8 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
9 information regarding an applicant's social security
10 account number, obtained by the department pursuant
11 to this section, is not a public record and shall not be
12 disclosed by the department except for any of the
13 following purposes:

14 (1) Responding to a request for information from an
15 agency operating pursuant to, and carrying out the
16 provisions of, Part A (Aid to Families with Dependent
17 Children), or Part D (Child Support and Establishment
18 of Paternity), of Subchapter IV of Chapter 7 of Title 42 of
19 the United States Code.

20 (2) Implementation of Section 12419.10 of the
21 Government Code.

22 (3) Responding to information requests from the
23 Franchise Tax Board for the purpose of tax
24 administration.

25 (4) Registration with the federal Selective Service
26 System in compliance with the Military Selective Service
27 Act (50 U.S.C. Sec. 451 and following).

28 SEC. 3. Section 1678 is added to the Vehicle Code, to
29 read:

30 1678. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of
31 law, for every applicant for an original or a renewal of a
32 driver's license or identification card who is 18 to 25 years
33 of age, inclusive, the department shall provide the
34 applicant, at the time of application, with notification of
35 both of the following:

36 (1) That males 18 to 25 years of age, inclusive, are or
37 will be required to be in compliance with the federal
38 Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. Sec. 451 and
39 following).



1 (2) That if the applicant is male and is not already
2 registered with the federal Selective Service System, the
3 applicant ~~may register with the service by checking an~~
4 ~~appropriate box on the application.~~ *acknowledges that by*
5 *applying for a driver's license or an identification card, he*
6 *will be registered by the federal Selective Service System*
7 *and will be in compliance with the federal Military*
8 *Selective Service Act.*

9 (3) *If the applicant does not want to be registered as*
10 *required by federal law, he may contact the federal*
11 *Selective Service System in writing, and request that his*
12 *name be removed from the registry; however, a person*
13 *otherwise required to register who fails to register is*
14 *subject to federal prosecution and is not eligible for*
15 *certain programs and benefits linked to the registration*
16 *requirement.*

17 (b) If federal financial support is provided, the
18 department, in cooperation with the federal Selective
19 Service System, shall develop forms and procedures for
20 the implementation of subdivision (a).

21 (c) Subdivision (a) is not applicable to a person who
22 is exempt from the Military Selective Service Act for any
23 reason.

