
VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM

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PROPOSED REGULATION TEXT SUMMARY

- Creates a new Article 2.5 in Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) – “Vehicle Safety Inspection Program”
- Proposed regulation text includes:
 - Incorporation of a Vehicle Safety Inspection Manual
 - License requirements for vehicle safety stations
 - License requirements for vehicle safety technicians
 - Sunset of the lamp and brake inspection programs six months after adoption of the regulations

VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION MANUAL

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- Sets the inspection requirements and failure criteria for each system/area of the vehicle inspected
- Manual consists of the following nine sections:
 - Information on technician access and vehicle identification
 - Lighting system inspection
 - Passenger compartment inspection

VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION MANUAL

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- Tires and wheels inspection
- Brake system inspection
- Steering and suspension system inspection
- Body structure inspection
- Road test
- Equipment requirements

VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION

- In addition to the items in the manual, the vehicle safety inspection will include:
 - A scan of the vehicle's identifying information.
 - A scan of information related to the vehicle's safety systems.
 - A determination of any open safety recalls.
- A vehicle that fails to communicate when scanned or has an unrepaired safety recall will fail inspection.

VEHICLE SAFETY STATION REQUIREMENTS

- Licensed stations are required to have a Safety Inspection System (SIS) that includes:
 - Data Acquisition Device (DAD)
 - Biometric device
 - Internet connection
- Other equipment requirements are similar to existing equipment requirements for lamp and brake adjusting stations.
- Applicants will be subject to an initial inspection prior to licensure to verify they possess required equipment and employ a licensed vehicle safety technician.

VEHICLE SAFETY TECHNICIAN REQUIRMENTS

- To obtain a vehicle safety technician license, applicants must:
 - Possess National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification in:
 - Suspension and steering (A-4)
 - Brakes (A-5)
 - Electrical/electronic systems (A-6)
 - Pass a license examination
- License is valid for two years and will not require re-examination for renewal.

LAMP AND BRAKE PROGRAM SUNSET

- Six months after adoption of Article 2.5 “Vehicle Safety Inspection Program” the following regulations will become inoperative:
 - Article 2 “Licensing of Official Stations and Adjusters”
 - Article 3 “Official Lamp Adjusting Stations”
 - Article 4 “Official Brake Adjusting Stations”

TRANSITIONING CURRENT LAMP AND BRAKE STATIONS AND ADJUSTERS

- As currently drafted, proposed regulations would allow:
 - A currently licensed lamp and brake adjusting station, with licenses in good standing, to forego the license application fee.
 - A currently licensed lamp and brake adjuster, with licenses in good standing, to forego:
 - License application fee
 - ASE certification (will be required for renewal)
 - License examination

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

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