

Introduced by Senator Strickland

February 18, 2010

An act to amend Section 1651.5 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1208, as introduced, Strickland. Vehicle registration: biennial. Existing law provides for an annual vehicle registration period.

This bill would permit the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish a biennial vehicle registration period option for registrants. The Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles would be permitted to reassign a vehicle to the biennial registration period upon the request of the registrant. If a person chooses the biennial vehicle registration option, he or she would be entitled to a 5% reduction in basic registration fees.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1651.5 of the Vehicle Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 1651.5. (a) (1) The director may assign or reassign dates for
- 4 the expiration of registration for a vehicle registered pursuant to
- 5 this code. The director may establish a *biennial registration-year*
- 6 *period option* for ~~any~~ a vehicle consisting of any period from ~~seven~~
- 7 *14* months to ~~18~~ *36* months, inclusive, with subsequent renewals
- 8 being required at yearly *or biennial* intervals thereafter. *The*
- 9 *director may reassign a vehicle to a biennial registration upon the*

1 *request of the registrant on the renewal of the vehicle.* The director
2 shall assign an expiration date of the last day of the calendar month
3 to all trailers and to all motor vehicles subject to additional fees
4 ~~under the provisions of Section 9400. Any vehicle being~~ *A vehicle*
5 registered on a quarterly basis shall be assigned or reassigned an
6 expiration date of December 31 for ~~the registration year.~~ *The*
7 ~~director shall have the authority to exclude from year-round~~
8 ~~registration any type of vehicle that the director deems appropriate~~
9 ~~for exclusion~~ *that registration period.*

10 (2) *The director may exclude from the year-round or the biennial*
11 *registration period any type of vehicle that the director deems*
12 *appropriate for exclusion.*

13 (3) *The director shall reduce basic registration fees by 5 percent*
14 *for a person who chooses the biennial registration option for his*
15 *or her vehicle.*

16 (b) In order to implement a year-round registration for vehicles
17 registered pursuant to the International Registration Plan as
18 described in Article 4 (commencing with Section 8050) of Chapter
19 4 of Division 3, the director, on or before January 1, 2009, shall
20 assign or reassign a date for the expiration of registration of those
21 vehicles described in this subdivision and may utilize the applicable
22 practices and procedures set forth under subdivision (a) in order
23 to implement this subdivision.

24 (c) *The registration renewal letter mailed out 60 days prior to*
25 *a renewal shall include an option to select either annual or biennial*
26 *registration.*