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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 726**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Nazarian  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Dababneh)**

February 25, 2015

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An act to add Section 35400.75 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 726, as amended, Nazarian. Vehicles: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Existing law imposes a 40-foot limitation on the length of vehicles that may be operated on the highways, with specified exemptions. Existing law exempts from this limitation, among other things, an articulated bus or articulated trolley coach that does not exceed a length of 60 feet.

This bill would authorize the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to operate articulated buses that do not exceed a length of 82 feet on the route designated as the Orange Line in the County of Los Angeles.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 35400.75 is added to the Vehicle Code,  
2 immediately following Section 35400.7, to read:

3 35400.75. (a) Notwithstanding Section 35400, the Los Angeles  
4 County Metropolitan Transportation Authority created pursuant  
5 to Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 130050) of Division 12  
6 of the Public Utilities Code may operate articulated buses that do  
7 not exceed a length of 82 feet on the route designated as the Orange  
8 Line in the County of Los Angeles.

9 (b) *Implementation of this section is subject to the collective*  
10 *bargaining requirements under Article 10 (commencing with*  
11 *Section 30750) of Chapter 5 of Part 3 of Division 10 of the Public*  
12 *Utilities Code and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan*  
13 *Transportation Authority Transit Employer-Employee Relations*  
14 *Act (Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 99560) of Part 11 of*  
15 *Division 10 of the Public Utilities Code).*

16 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law  
17 is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable  
18 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California  
19 Constitution because of the unique circumstances of a large number  
20 of riders using buses operated by the Los Angeles County  
21 Metropolitan Transportation Authority on the Orange Line and  
22 the need to reduce overcrowding on those buses.

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