

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS**

**AMENDMENT DATE:** July 15, 2010  
**POSITION:** Neutral  
**SPONSOR:** California State Association of Counties (CSAC)

**BILL NUMBER:** AB 2461  
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**BILL SUMMARY: Vehicles: Vehicle Registration Amnesty Program**

This bill would re-establish the amnesty program for incorrectly or fraudulently registered vehicles for one year, beginning July 1, 2011.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) estimates costs to be minor and absorbable. The process to handle amnesty applications is already established.

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

Amendments to this bill since our analysis of the June 28, 2010 version are minor and do not alter our position.

**COMMENTS**

Finance is neutral because the amnesty program may encourage vehicle owners to correct inaccurate vehicle records and pay the appropriate amount of registration fees, penalties, sales, and use taxes.

The amnesty program was established pursuant to Chapter 420, Statutes of 2008 (AB 619/Emmerson). The bill was in response to investigations conducted by the California Attorney General's (AG) Office into fraudulent titling of specially constructed (kit car) vehicles. While the AG is pursuing businesses that supply fraudulent titles, amnesty is designed to encourage vehicle owners to correct their registrations. The AG's office estimates 70,000 vehicles have been fraudulently titled. According to DMV, it has not received any applications for the amnesty program in 2010. Re-establishing the program may provide additional time to increase awareness of the program.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code
		(Dollars in Thousands)							
	LA	CO	PROP	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013
	RV	98							
2740/DMV	SO	No			----- Minor Fiscal Impact -----				0044
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
0044	Motor Vehicle Account, STF								

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