

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS**

**AMENDMENT DATE:** June 22, 2010  
**POSITION:** Neutral

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 165  
**AUTHOR:** A. Lowenthal  
**RELATED BILLS:** AB 2461  
 (Emmerson)

**BILL SUMMARY: Specially Constructed Vehicles**

This bill would move the statute that permits the Bureau of Automotive Repair to charge the owner of a specially constructed vehicle (vehicle) a fee of \$160 for participating in the amnesty program from the Vehicle Code to the Health and Safety Code. This bill would also clarify in the current Vehicle Code that the 500-vehicle annual limit does not apply to the renewal of registration of a vehicle that was previously registered. It would also permit the registered owner of the vehicle to apply for registration of the vehicle using a different model year as determined using existing statute in the determination of the year.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

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

**COMMENTS**

The Department of Finance is neutral with respect to this bill because it would not increase state costs and would clarify that current statute does not include currently registered vehicles in the annual limit on number of vehicles that can be registered.

The amnesty program allows owners of vehicles to correct the registration information on their vehicles without having criminal action brought against them for false statements previously made relating to the value, make, model, or failure to register the vehicle. AB 2461 would extend the amnesty program sunset date until June 30, 2012; however, we note that there would be a gap between the existing sunset date and the July 1, 2011, date for the DMV to reestablish the amnesty program. Finance is neutral on AB 2461 because extending 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.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)								Fund Code
	SO	LA	PROP		FC		FC		
	RV	98	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	
2740/DMV	SO	No	-----	See Fiscal Summary	-----	-----	-----	-----	0044
1111/ConAfr-BurPg	SO	No	-----	See Fiscal Summary	-----	-----	-----	-----	0421
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
0044	Motor Vehicle Account, STF								
0421	Vehicle Inspection and Repair Fund								

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