

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS**

**AMENDMENT DATE:** May 10, 2011  
**POSITION:** Neutral fiscally; defer to the Air Resources Board

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 211  
**AUTHOR:** B. Emmerson

**BILL SUMMARY: Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Tire Inflation**

Existing law charges the Air Resources Board (Air Board) with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs). The Air Board is required to adopt a statewide GHG emissions limit equivalent to the statewide GHG level in 1990, to be achieved by 2020, and to adopt rules and regulations to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective GHG emission reductions. As part of the effort to meet the GHG limit, the Air Board adopted a regulation requiring automotive service providers (ASPs), by September 1, 2010, among other requirements, to check and inflate vehicle tires to the recommended pressure rating when performing automobile maintenance or repair services.

This bill would, until January 1, 2017, authorize a tire pressure gauge used to meet the requirements of this regulation to be accurate within a range of plus or minus 2 pounds per square inch of pressure (2 psi).

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

According to the Air Board, the bill would impose minor and absorbable costs to revise the ASP tire inflation regulation. The Department of Finance (Finance) concurs.

**COMMENTS**

Finance notes the bill results in no new costs, and defers to the Air Board regarding policy merits or concerns related to the bill.

The bill is intended to codify accuracy specifications for tire pressure gauges used by automotive service providers. According to the author, "by codifying the accuracy specifications, the industry will be given comfort that the specifications cannot be altered at some future date without prior legislative approval."

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)								Fund Code
	SO	LA	PROP	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	FC	
3900/Air Res Bd	SO	No			----- No/Minor Fiscal Impact -----				0115
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
0115	Air Pollution Control Fund								

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