

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: July 11, 2011
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: SB 869
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BILL SUMMARY: Automotive Repair Dealers

This bill would provide that automotive repair dealers (ARDs) who fail to complete repairs to deployed airbags, as specified, would be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine and/or imprisonment.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The Department of Consumer Affairs indicates that any costs resulting from this bill would be minor and absorbable within existing resources.

This bill would specify that no reimbursable mandate would materialize because this measure only creates a new crime, eliminates a crime, or changes the penalty for a crime.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is neutral on this bill because it would provide additional protection to consumers who are restoring inflatable restraint systems to their original operating condition.

Existing law specifies the penalties associated with failure to comply with the Automotive Repair Act.

This bill would specify certain penalties for ARDs who prepare written estimates for replacement of deployed airbags, as specified, and fail to fully restore inflatable restraint systems to their original operating condition. Such ARDs would be guilty of a misdemeanor, subject to a fine of \$5,000 and/or imprisonment for a year.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code
		(Dollars in Thousands)							
	LA	PROP	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	FC	2013-2014	
	RV	98	FC						
1111/ConAfr-BurPg	SO	No		----- No/Minor Fiscal Impact -----					0421
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
0421	Vehicle Inspection and Repair Fund								

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