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Senate Bill No. 838

CHAPTER 339

An act to amend Section 63048.65 of the Government Code, to add Section 99314.8 to the Public Utilities Code, and to amend Sections 1678, 5205.5, 9250, 12506, 12801.8, 21655.9, and 34507.5 of, to amend, repeal, and add Sections 12805, 13000, 13002, and 13002.1 of, and to add Section 681 to, the Vehicle Code, relating to transportation, and making an appropriation therefor, to take effect immediately, bill related to the budget.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 838, Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review. Transportation.

Existing law authorizes the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank to sell specified portions of compact assets, defined as moneys required to be paid to the state under specified provisions of designated tribal compacts and the state's rights to receive those payments, to a special purpose trust, which may issue bonds that are secured against those assets. The net proceeds of the sale of the compact assets are required to be deposited into certain transportation funds in a specified order. Existing law requires that when the amounts described in those provisions have been paid to the transportation funds named, the revenues received by the state from the tribal compacts are required to be remitted to the California Gambling Control Commission for deposit in the General Fund.

This bill would instead provide that after the amounts described have been fully paid to the transportation funds named, or in any year during which any portion of these amounts are repaid from the General Fund pursuant to specified provisions of the California Constitution in an amount greater than or equal to the amount of tribal gaming revenues remitted pursuant to the amended tribal compacts in that year, the revenues received by the state from the compact would be required to be remitted to the California Gambling Control Commission for deposit in the General Fund.

Existing law requires the Secretary of State and the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish the California New Motor Voter Program for the purpose of increasing opportunities for voter registration by any person who is qualified to be a voter, as specified.

This bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to pilot and evaluate a process to register voters pursuant to the program to assist persons who do not fully complete the voter registration process. The bill would require the department to report on October 15, 2016, to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, on the outcome of the pilot, other process changes proposed to ensure the full completion of voter registration, and an evaluation of options for ensuring persons have the opportunity to fully complete the voter registration process, including adding information technology equipment or fully automating forms. The bill would also require the department to notify the Joint Legislative Budget Committee by September 1, 2016, if it is unable to implement the pilot process change for any reason. The bill would additionally appropriate the sum of \$3,888,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Motor Vehicles to implement the California New Motor Voter Program.

Existing law requires the transfer of a specified portion of the sales tax on diesel fuel, in addition to various other revenues, to the Public Transportation Account, a trust fund in the State Transportation Fund. A portion of those revenues are restricted by Article XIX A of the California Constitution. Existing law continuously appropriates those revenues to the Controller for allocation to local transportation agencies for public transportation purposes, pursuant to a program commonly known as the State Transit Assistance program. Existing law requires those funds to be allocated by formulas based 50% on population and 50% on transit operator revenues. Existing law requires the transit operator-based funds to be allocated to each local transportation agency based on the ratio of the total revenue of all the operators and the member agencies of the Altamont Commuter Express Authority and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority in the area under their respective jurisdictions during the prior fiscal year to the total revenue of all the operators in the state and the member agencies of the Altamont Commuter Express Authority and the member agencies of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority during the prior fiscal year.

This bill would require the Controller to calculate and publish the allocation of transit operator-based funds made pursuant to the State Transit Assistance program for the 3rd and 4th quarters of the 2015–16 fiscal year and for all 4 quarters of the 2016–17 and 2017–18 fiscal years based on the same list of operators and the same individual operator ratios published by the Controller in a specified transmittal memo for the 4th quarter for the 2014–15 fiscal year. The bill would authorize each transportation planning agency and county transportation commission, and the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board to apply the ratios calculated for the 3rd quarter of the 2015–16 fiscal year to any undistributed funds remaining from the first and 2nd quarters of the 2015–16 fiscal year.

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to charge a registration fee of \$43 on every vehicle or trailer coach, as specified, registered on or after July 1, 2011. Existing law authorizes the department to adjust specified fees every January 1 by increasing the fee by an amount equal to the increase in the California Consumer Price Index for the prior year.

This bill would provide that the \$43 fee applies to registrations until April 1, 2017. The bill would require the department to charge a registration fee of \$53 on every vehicle or trailer coach, as specified, that is registered on or after April 1, 2017. The bill would apply the annual fee increase provisions described above to the \$53 registration fee. The bill would delete obsolete language pertaining to registration fees and make other conforming and technical, nonsubstantive changes.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue and renew driver's licenses and identification cards, including senior citizen identification cards. Existing law requires senior citizen identification cards to expire on the 10th birthday of the applicant for the card following the date of application. The existing federal Real ID Act requires specified security requirements to be met in order for a state's driver's licenses and identification cards to be accepted for certain official purposes.

This bill would, on and after January 1, 2018, prohibit the department from issuing a driver's license or identification card that is in compliance with the requirements of the Real ID Act to a person who possesses a driver's license or identification card in compliance with the Real ID Act. The bill would authorize the department to cancel a driver's license or identification card for the purpose of ensuring that a person does not have both a driver's license and identification card. The bill would additionally, on and after January 1, 2018, require a senior citizen identification card to expire on the 8th birthday of the applicant for the card following the date of application.

Existing federal law, until September 30, 2019, authorizes a state to allow specified labeled low-emission and energy-efficient vehicles to use lanes designated for high-occupancy vehicles (HOVs). Existing federal law, until September 30, 2025, grants similar authority with respect to alternative fuel and electric vehicles.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Transportation to designate certain lanes for the exclusive use of HOVs, which lanes may also be used, until January 1, 2019, the expiration of a designated federal authorization relating to HOV facilities, or until the Secretary of State receives a specified notice, by certain low-emission, hybrid, or alternative fuel vehicles not carrying the requisite number of passengers otherwise required for the use of an HOV lane, if the vehicle displays a valid identifier issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Existing law authorizes the DMV to issue no more than 85,000 of those identifiers. A violation of provisions relating to HOV lane use by vehicles with those identifiers is a crime.

This bill would delete the maximum number of identifiers that the DMV is authorized to issue. The bill would extend the operation of the above provisions for super ultra-low emission vehicles and ultra-low emission vehicles, as defined, to January 1, 2019. However, with respect to vehicles that meet the state's enhanced advanced technology partial zero-emission vehicle standard or transitional zero-emission vehicle standard, the provisions would be operative only until the earlier of January 1, 2019, the date of the federal authorization, or the receipt date of the notice by the Secretary of State. The bill would require the Department of Transportation to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature by December 1, 2017, on the degradation status of high-occupancy vehicle lanes on the state highway system.

By potentially extending a crime that otherwise may be repealed, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Existing federal law requires a motor carrier, as defined, to file an application form with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to obtain a United States Department of Transportation number before beginning operations and every 24 months, as specified.

Existing law requires, except as specified, a motor carrier, motor carrier of property, and for-hire motor carrier of property to obtain a carrier identification number from the Department of the California Highway Patrol and requires the carrier identification number to be displayed on both sides of each vehicle or on both sides of at least one motor vehicle in each combination of specified vehicles. A violation of the Vehicle Code is punishable as an infraction.

This bill would authorize the Department of the California Highway Patrol to furnish the application form for a carrier identification number on its Internet Web site and require electronic submission of the form. The bill would also require a motor carrier required to obtain a carrier identification number to first obtain a United States Department of Transportation number before submitting an application for a carrier identification number. The bill would require a motor carrier required to obtain a carrier identification number to ensure information on its application form is updated, as specified, and is true and accurate. Because a violation of the Vehicle Code is punishable as an infraction, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as a bill providing for appropriations related to the Budget Bill. Vote: majority Appropriation: yes Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: yes

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 63048.65 of the Government Code is amended to read:

63048.65. (a) Upon a filing by the Director of Finance with the bank of a list of designated tribal compacts and the specific portions of the compact assets to be sold, the bank may sell for, and on behalf of, the state, solely as its agent, those specific portions of the compact assets to a special purpose trust. To that end, a special purpose trust is hereby established as a not-for-profit corporation solely for that purpose and for the purposes necessarily incidental thereto. The bank may enter into one or more sales agreements with the special purpose trust on terms it deems appropriate, which may include covenants of, and binding on, the state necessary to establish and maintain the security of the bonds and exemption of interest on the bonds from federal income taxation. The portion of the compact assets to be sold shall be an amount or amounts determined by the Director of Finance that are necessary to provide the state with net proceeds of the sale, not to exceed one billion five hundred million dollars (\$1,500,000,000), exclusive of capitalized interest on the bonds and any costs incurred by the bank or the special purpose trust in implementing this article, including, but not limited to, the cost of financing one or more reserve funds, any credit enhancements, costs incurred in the issuance of bonds, and operating expenses. Those specific portions of the compact assets may be sold at one time or from time to time.

- (b) The special purpose trust may issue bonds, including, but not limited to, refunding bonds, on the terms it shall determine, and do all things contemplated by, and authorized by, this division with respect to the bank, and enjoy all rights, privileges, and immunities the bank enjoys pursuant to this division, or as authorized by Section 5140 of the Corporations Code with respect to public benefit nonprofit corporations, or as necessary or appropriate in connection with the issuance of bonds, and may enter into agreements with any public or private entity and pledge the compact assets that it purchased as collateral and security for its bonds. However, to the extent of any conflict between any of the foregoing and the provisions of this article, the provisions of this article shall control. The pledge of any of these assets and of any revenues, reserves, and earnings pledged in connection with these assets shall be valid and binding in accordance with its terms from the time the pledge is made, and amounts so pledged and thereafter received shall immediately be subject to the lien of the pledge without the need for physical delivery, recordation, filing, or other further act. The special purpose trust, and its assets and income, and bonds issued by the special purpose trust, and their transfer and the income thereform, shall be exempt from all taxation by the state and by its political subdivisions.
- (c) (1) The net proceeds of the sale of compact assets by the bank shall be deposited in the following order:
 - (A) One billion two hundred million dollars (\$1,200,000,000) plus any interest due pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 14556.8, to the Traffic Congestion Relief Fund for the purpose of funding or reimbursing the cost of projects, programs, and activities permitted and necessary to be funded by that fund in accordance with applicable law, and to repay loans made from the State Highway Account and the Public Transportation Account to the Traffic Congestion Relief Fund pursuant to Section 14556.8, in the following priority order:

- (i) Transfer of four hundred forty-three million dollars (\$443,000,000) plus any interest due pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 14556.8, to the State Highway Account for project expenditures.
- (ii) Two hundred ninety million dollars (\$290,000,000) for allocation to Traffic Congestion Relief Program projects.
- (iii) Two hundred seventy-five million dollars (\$275,000,000) to the Public Transportation Account for project expenditures.
- (iv) All remaining funds for allocation to Traffic Congestion Relief Program projects.
- (B) To the Transportation Deferred Investment Fund, an amount up to the outstanding amount of the suspension of the 2004–05 fiscal year transfer of the sales tax on gasoline to the Transportation Investment Fund pursuant to requirements of Article XIX B of the California Constitution.
- (C) To the Transportation Deferred Investment Fund, an amount up to the outstanding amount of the suspension of the 2003–04 fiscal year transfer of the sales tax on gasoline to the Transportation Investment Fund pursuant to requirements of Article XIX B of the California Constitution.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), if and to the extent it is necessary to ensure to the maximum extent practicable the eligibility for exclusion from taxation under the federal Internal Revenue Code of interest on the bonds to be issued by the special purpose trust, the Director of Finance may adjust the application of proceeds not eligible for exclusion from taxation among the authorized funds described in paragraph (1). The Department of Finance shall submit a report to the Legislature describing any proposed changes among the authorized funds in paragraph (1), and consistent with this paragraph, at least 30 days prior to issuing the bonds pursuant to this article. Amounts deposited in the Traffic Congestion Relief Fund pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be applied as a credit to transfers from the General Fund that the Controller would otherwise be required to make to that fund. Amounts deposited in the Transportation Deferred Investment Fund shall be expended in conformance with Sections 7105 and 7106 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and the amounts so deposited shall also be applied as a credit to the transfers from the General Fund that the Controller would otherwise be required to make under those sections. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the deposits and credits described in this subdivision do not constitute the use of the proceeds of bonds or other indebtedness to pay a yearend State Budget deficit as prohibited by subdivision (c) of Section 1.3 of Article XVI of the California Constitution. Subject to any constitutional limitation, the use and application of the proceeds of any sale of compact assets or bonds shall not in any way affect the legality or validity of that sale or those bonds.
- (d) Funds received from amended tribal-state compacts, or new compacts entered into and ratified on or after the effective date of this article, pursuant to Section 4.3.1 of the amended compacts, or the comparable section in new compacts, as specified in those compacts, that are neither sold to the special purpose trust nor otherwise appropriated, and funds received as a result of the state's acquisition of an ownership interest in any residual interest in compact assets attributable to Section 4.3.1 of the amended compacts, or the comparable section in new compacts, as specified in those compacts, shall be remitted to the California Gambling Control Commission for deposit in the General Fund.
- (e) Funds received from amended tribal-state compacts, or new compacts entered into and ratified on or after the effective date of this article, pursuant to Section 4.3.3 of the amended compacts, or the comparable section in new compacts, as specified in those compacts, shall be held in an account within the Special Deposit Fund until those funds are sold or otherwise applied pursuant to this subdivision. From time to time, at the direction of the Director of Finance, any moneys in this account shall be deposited and applied in accordance with subdivision (c) or shall be deemed to be compact assets for purposes of sale to the special purpose trust pursuant to this article. If the Director of Finance determines that the bonds authorized pursuant to this article cannot be successfully issued by the special purpose trust, funds within the account shall be deposited in accordance with subdivision (c). In addition, all subsequent revenues remitted pursuant to Section 4.3.3 of the amended compacts, or the comparable section in new compacts, as specified in those compacts, and funds received as a result of the state's acquisition of an ownership interest in any residual interest in compact assets attributable to Section 4.3.3 of the amended compacts, or the comparable section in new compacts, as specified in those compacts, shall be used to satisfy the purposes of subdivision (c). After the amounts described in subdivision (c) have been fully paid to the funds designated in that subdivision, or in any year during which any portion of these amounts as outlined in subdivision (c) are repaid from the General Fund pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 20 of Article XVI of the California Constitution in an amount that is greater than or equal to the amount of tribal gaming revenues remitted pursuant to Section 4.3.3 of the amended compacts in that year, either pursuant to this article or by other appropriations or transfers, the revenues received by the state from Section 4.3.3 of the compact shall be remitted to the California Gambling Control Commission for deposit in the General Fund.
- (f) The principal office of the special purpose trust shall be located in the County of Sacramento. The articles of incorporation of the special purpose trust shall be prepared and filed, on behalf of the state, with the Secretary of State by the bank. The members of the board of directors of the bank as of the effective date of this article, the Director of the Department of Transportation, and the Director of General Services, shall each serve ex officio as the directors of the special purpose trust. Any of these directors

may name a designee to act on his or her behalf as a director of the special purpose trust. The Director of Finance or his or her designee shall serve as chair of the special purpose trust. Directors of the special purpose trust shall not be subject to personal liability for carrying out the powers and duties conferred by this article. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the duties and responsibilities of the directors of the special purpose trust and the duties and responsibilities of the Director of Finance established under this article are within the scope of the primary duties of those persons in their official capacities. The special purpose trust shall be treated as a separate legal entity with its separate corporate purpose as described in this article, and the assets, liabilities, and funds of the special purpose trust shall be neither consolidated nor commingled with those of the bank.

SEC. 2. Section 99314.8 is added to the Public Utilities Code, to read:

- **99314.8.** (a) Notwithstanding any other law, for the third and fourth quarters of the 2015–16 fiscal year, and for all four quarters of the 2016–17 and 2017–18 fiscal years, the Controller shall calculate and publish the allocation of all funds made pursuant to Section 99314 to each transportation planning agency and county transportation commission, the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board, the member agencies of the Altamont Commuter Express Authority, and the member agencies of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority based on the same list of operators and the same individual operator ratios published by the Controller in its original Fourth Quarter State Transit Assistance Allocation transmittal memo for the 2014–15 fiscal year, unless the Controller has subsequently published revisions or adjustments to its original Fourth Quarter State Transit Assistance Allocation transmittal memo for the 2014–15 fiscal year, in which case the revised or adjusted list of operators and individual operator ratios shall be used.
- (b) Each transportation planning agency and county transportation commission, and the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board may apply the individual operator ratios calculated for the third quarter of the 2015–16 fiscal year pursuant to this section to any undistributed funds remaining from the first and second quarters of the 2015–16 fiscal year.
- (c) Upon allocation of funds pursuant to this section to each transportation planning agency and county transportation commission, the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board, the member agencies of the Altamont Commuter Express Authority, and the member agencies of the Southern California Rail Authority, the Controller shall publish the amount of funding applicable to each operator.
- SEC. 3. Section 681 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:
- **681.** (a) "Real ID driver's license or identification card" means a driver's license or identification card that has been issued by a state that has been certified by the Department of Homeland Security to be in compliance with the requirements of the Real ID Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-13) and the regulations adopted pursuant to the act.
- (b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2018.
- SEC. 4. Section 1678 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- **1678.** (a) Between January 1, 2004, and December 31, 2004, inclusive, the fee amounts set forth in Section 488.385 of the Code of Civil Procedure, Section 10902 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and Sections 4604, 5014, 5036, 6700.25, 9102.5, 9250.8, 9250.13, 9252, 9254, 9258, 9261, 9265, 9702, 11515, 11515.2, 14900, 14900.1, 14901, 14902, 15255.1, 15255.2, 38121, 38225.4, 38225.5, 38232, 38255, 38260, and 38265, and subdivision (b) of Section 9250, of this code, shall be the base fee amounts charged by the department.
- (b) On January 1, 2005, and every January 1 thereafter, the department shall adjust the fees imposed under the sections listed in subdivision (a) by increasing each fee in an amount equal to the increase in the California Consumer Price Index for the prior year, as calculated by the Department of Finance, with amounts equal to or greater than fifty cents (\$0.50) rounded to the next highest whole dollar.
- (c) Any increases to the fees imposed under the sections listed in subdivision (a) that are enacted by legislation subsequent to January 1, 2005, shall be deemed to be changes to the base fee for purposes of the calculation performed pursuant to subdivision (b).
- **SEC. 5.** Section 5205.5 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- **5205.5.** (a) For purposes of implementing Section 21655.9, the department shall make available for issuance, for a fee determined by the department to be sufficient to reimburse the department for the actual costs incurred pursuant to this section, distinctive decals, labels, and other identifiers that clearly distinguish the following vehicles from other vehicles:
 - (1) A vehicle that meets California's super ultra-low emission vehicle (SULEV) standard for exhaust emissions and the federal inherently low-emission vehicle (ILEV) evaporative emission standard, as defined in Part 88 (commencing with Section 88.101-

- 94) of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- (2) A vehicle that was produced during the 2004 model year or earlier and meets California's ultra-low emission vehicle (ULEV) standard for exhaust emissions and the federal ILEV standard.
- (3) A vehicle that meets California's enhanced advanced technology partial zero-emission vehicle (enhanced AT PZEV) standard or transitional zero-emission vehicle (TZEV) standard.
- (b) The department shall include a summary of the provisions of this section on each motor vehicle registration renewal notice, or on a separate insert, if space is available and the summary can be included without incurring additional printing or postage costs.
- (c) The Department of Transportation shall remove individual HOV lanes, or portions of those lanes, during periods of peak congestion from the access provisions provided in subdivision (a), following a finding by the Department of Transportation as follows:
 - (1) The lane, or portion thereof, exceeds a level of service C, as discussed in subdivision (b) of Section 65089 of the Government Code.
 - (2) The operation or projected operation of the vehicles described in subdivision (a) in these lanes, or portions thereof, will significantly increase congestion.
 - (3) The finding shall also demonstrate the infeasibility of alleviating the congestion by other means, including, but not limited to, reducing the use of the lane by noneligible vehicles or further increasing vehicle occupancy.
- (d) The State Air Resources Board shall publish and maintain a listing of all vehicles eligible for participation in the programs described in this section. The board shall provide that listing to the department.
- (e) (1) For purposes of subdivision (a), the Department of the California Highway Patrol and the department, in consultation with the Department of Transportation, shall design and specify the placement of the decal, label, or other identifier on the vehicle. Each decal, label, or other identifier issued for a vehicle shall display a unique number, which shall be printed on, or affixed to, the vehicle registration.
 - (2) Decals, labels, or other identifiers designed pursuant to this subdivision for a vehicle described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) shall be distinguishable from the decals, labels, or other identifiers that are designed for vehicles described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (a).
- (f) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), for purposes of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a), the department shall issue distinctive decals, labels, or other identifiers that clearly distinguish a vehicle specified in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a).
 - (2) The department may issue a decal, label, or other identifier for a vehicle that satisfies all of the following conditions:
 - (A) The vehicle is of a type identified in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a).
 - (B) The owner of the vehicle is the owner of a vehicle for which a decal, label, or other identifier described in paragraph (1) was previously issued and that vehicle for which the decal, label, or other identifier was previously issued is determined by the department, on the basis of satisfactory proof submitted by the owner to the department, to be a nonrepairable vehicle or a total loss salvage vehicle.
 - (C) The owner of the vehicle applied for a decal, label, or other identifier pursuant to this paragraph within six months of the date on which the vehicle for which a decal, label, or other identifier was previously issued is declared to be a nonrepairable vehicle or a total loss salvage vehicle.
- (g) If the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, serving as the Bay Area Toll Authority, grants toll-free and reduced-rate passage on toll bridges under its jurisdiction to a vehicle pursuant to Section 30102.5 of the Streets and Highways Code, it shall also grant the same toll-free and reduced-rate passage to a vehicle displaying an identifier issued by the department pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) of subdivision (a).
- (h) (1) Notwithstanding Section 21655.9, and except as provided in paragraph (2), a vehicle described in subdivision (a) that displays a decal, label, or identifier issued pursuant to this section shall be granted a toll-free or reduced-rate passage in high-occupancy toll lanes as described in Section 149.7 of the Streets and Highways Code unless prohibited by federal law.
 - (2) (A) Paragraph (1) does not apply to the imposition of a toll imposed for passage on a toll road or toll highway, that is not a high-occupancy toll lane as described in Section 149.7 of the Streets and Highways Code.

- (B) On or before March 1, 2014, paragraph (1) does not apply to the imposition of a toll imposed for passage in lanes designated for tolls pursuant to the federally supported value pricing and transit development demonstration program operated pursuant to Section 149.9 of the Streets and Highways Code for State Highway Route 10 or 110.
- (C) Paragraph (1) does not apply to the imposition of a toll charged for crossing a state-owned bridge.
- (i) If the Director of Transportation determines that federal law does not authorize the state to allow vehicles that are identified by distinctive decals, labels, or other identifiers on vehicles described in subdivision (a) to use highway lanes or highway access ramps for high-occupancy vehicles regardless of vehicle occupancy, the Director of Transportation shall submit a notice of that determination to the Secretary of State.
- (j) (1) With respect to a vehicle described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a), this section shall become inoperative on January 1, 2019, or the date the federal authorization pursuant to Section 166 of Title 23 of the United States Code expires, or the date the Secretary of State receives the notice described in subdivision (i), whichever occurs first.
 - (2) With respect to a vehicle described in paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), this section shall become inoperative on January 1, 2019.
- SEC. 6. Section 9250 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- **9250.** (a) A registration fee of forty-three dollars (\$43) shall be paid to the department for the registration of each vehicle or trailer coach of a type subject to registration under this code, except those vehicles that are expressly exempted under this code from the payment of registration fees. This subdivision applies to all of the following:
 - (1) The initial or original registration, on or after July 1, 2011, but before April 1, 2017, of any vehicle not previously registered in this state.
 - (2) The renewal of registration of any vehicle for which the registration period expires on or after July 1, 2011, but before April 1, 2017.
- (b) A registration fee of fifty-three dollars (\$53) shall be paid to the department for the registration of each vehicle or trailer coach of a type subject to registration under this code, except those vehicles that are expressly exempted under this code from the payment of registration fees. This subdivision applies to all of the following:
 - (1) The initial or original registration, on or after April 1, 2017, of any vehicle not previously registered in this state.
 - (2) The renewal or original registration of any vehicle for which the registration period expires on or after April 1, 2017, regardless of whether a renewal application was mailed to the registered owner before April 1, 2017.
- (c) The registration fee imposed under this section applies to all vehicles described in Section 5004, whether or not special identification plates are issued to that vehicle.
- (d) Trailer coaches are subject to the registration fee provided in subdivision (a) or (b) for each unit of the trailer coach.
- (e) The amounts collected pursuant to the increase in the registration fee as specified in subdivision (b) shall be used only for costs incurred in connection with the regulation of vehicles, including administrative costs for vehicle registration.
- SEC. 7. Section 12506 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- **12506.** The department may issue a temporary driver's license to any person applying for a driver's license, to any person applying for renewal of a driver's license, or to any licensee whose license is required to be changed, added to, or modified. Notwithstanding paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 12805, the department may issue a temporary driver's license to an applicant who has previously been licensed in this state or in any other state, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the Dominion of Canada, notwithstanding that the applicant has failed the written examination on the person's first attempt.

A temporary license permits the operation of a motor vehicle upon the highways for a period of 60 days, if the licensee has the temporary license in his or her immediate possession, and while the department is completing its investigation and determination of all facts relative to the applicant's right to receive a license. The temporary license is invalid when the applicant's license has been issued or refused.

SEC. 8. Section 12801.8 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

- **12801.8.** (a) In the case of a legal, nonimmigrant driver's license applicant, the department shall issue a temporary driver's license, valid for 90 days, if the applicant has successfully completed the application and the related requirements for the issuance of a driver's license under this code, including paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 12805. If the United States Department of Homeland Security is unable to verify the applicant's presence before the temporary driver's license expires, the department shall, at least 15 days before the temporary driver's license expires, extend the temporary driver's license for an additional 120 days and notify the applicant by mail that the temporary driver's license is being extended.
- (b) If the department adjusts the expiration date of any driver's license issued pursuant to this code so that the date does not exceed the expiration date of a federal document submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 12801.5, the applicant may, upon receipt of a notice of renewal of the driver's license by the department sent prior to the expiration of the license, request an extension of the term of the driver's license by submitting to the department satisfactory proof that the applicant's presence in the United States has been reauthorized or extended under federal law. After verifying that the applicant's presence in the United States has been reauthorized or extended by federal law, the department shall adjust the expiration date of the driver's license so that it does not exceed the expiration date of the revised federal document submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 12801.5 and complies with the related requirements of this code.
- (c) The department shall establish a procedure for receiving mailed requests for the extension of driver's licenses as described in this section.
- SEC. 9. Section 12805 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- 12805. (a) The department shall not issue a driver's license to, or renew a driver's license of, any person:
 - (1) Who is not of legal age to receive a driver's license.
 - (2) Whose best corrected visual acuity is 20/200 or worse in that person's better eye, as verified by an optometrist or ophthalmologist. A person shall not use a bioptic telescopic or similar lens to meet the 20/200 visual acuity standards.
 - (3) Who is unable, as shown by examination, to understand traffic signs or signals or who does not have a reasonable knowledge of the requirements of this code governing the operation of vehicles upon the highways.
 - (4) When it is determined, by examination or other evidence, that the person is unable to safely operate a motor vehicle upon a highway.
 - (5) Who is unable to read and understand English used in highway traffic and directional signs.
 - (6) Who holds a valid driver's license issued by a foreign jurisdiction unless the license has been surrendered to the department, or is lost or destroyed.
 - (7) Who has ever held, or is the holder of, a license to drive issued by another state, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and that license has been suspended by reason, in whole or in part, of a conviction of a traffic violation until the suspension period has terminated, except that the department may issue a license to the applicant if, in the opinion of the department, it will be safe to issue a license to a person whose license to drive was suspended by a state that is not a party to the Driver License Compact provided for in Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 15000) of Division 6.
 - (8) Who has ever held, or is the holder of, a license to drive issued by another state, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and that license has been revoked by reason, in whole or in part, of a conviction of a traffic violation, until the revocation has been terminated or after the expiration of one year from the date the license was revoked, whichever occurs first, except that the department may issue a license to the applicant if, in the opinion of the department, it will be safe to issue a license to a person whose license to drive was revoked by a state that is not a party to the Driver License Compact provided for in Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 15000) of Division 6.
- (b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2018, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2018, deletes or extends that date.
- **SEC. 10.** Section 12805 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:
- 12805. (a) The department shall not issue a driver's license to, or renew a driver's license of, any person:
 - (1) Who is not of legal age to receive a driver's license.
 - (2) Whose best corrected visual acuity is 20/200 or worse in that person's better eye, as verified by an optometrist or ophthalmologist. A person shall not use a bioptic telescopic or similar lens to meet the 20/200 visual acuity standards.

- (3) Who is unable, as shown by examination, to understand traffic signs or signals or who does not have a reasonable knowledge of the requirements of this code governing the operation of vehicles upon the highways.
- (4) When it is determined, by examination or other evidence, that the person is unable to safely operate a motor vehicle upon a highway.
- (5) Who is unable to read and understand English used in highway traffic and directional signs.
- (6) Who holds a valid driver's license issued by a foreign jurisdiction unless the license has been surrendered to the department, or is lost or destroyed.
- (7) Who has ever held, or is the holder of, a license to drive issued by another state, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and that license has been suspended by reason, in whole or in part, of a conviction of a traffic violation until the suspension period has terminated, except that the department may issue a license to the applicant if, in the opinion of the department, it will be safe to issue a license to a person whose license to drive was suspended by a state that is not a party to the Driver License Compact provided for in Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 15000) of Division 6.
- (8) Who has ever held, or is the holder of, a license to drive issued by another state, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and that license has been revoked by reason, in whole or in part, of a conviction of a traffic violation, until the revocation has been terminated or after the expiration of one year from the date the license was revoked, whichever occurs first, except that the department may issue a license to the applicant if, in the opinion of the department, it will be safe to issue a license to a person whose license to drive was revoked by a state that is not a party to the Driver License Compact provided for in Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 15000) of Division 6.
- (b) The department shall not issue a Real ID driver's license to a person who holds a valid Real ID identification card.
- (c) The department may cancel a driver's license in order to enable compliance with subdivision (b).
- (d) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2018.
- SEC. 11. Section 13000 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- **13000.** (a) The department may issue an identification card to any person attesting to the true full name, correct age, and other identifying data as certified by the applicant for the identification card.
- (b) Any person 62 years of age or older may apply for, and the department upon receipt of a proper application therefor shall issue, an identification card bearing the notation "Senior Citizen."
- (c) Every application for an identification card shall be signed and verified by the applicant before a person authorized to administer oaths and shall be supported by bona fide documentary evidence of the age and identity of the applicant as the department may require, and shall include a legible print of the thumb or finger of the applicant.
- (d) Any person 62 years of age or older, and any other qualified person, may apply for, or possess, an identification card under the provisions of either subdivision (a) or (b), but not under both of those provisions.
- (e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2018, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2018, deletes or extends that date.
- SEC. 12. Section 13000 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:
- **13000.** (a) (1) The department may issue an identification card to any person attesting to the true full name, correct age, and other identifying data as certified by the applicant for the identification card.
 - (2) The department may not issue a Real ID identification card to a person who holds a Real ID driver's license.
 - (3) The department may cancel an identification card in order to enable compliance with paragraph (2).
- (b) Any person 62 years of age or older may apply for, and the department upon receipt of a proper application therefor shall issue, an identification card bearing the notation "Senior Citizen."
- (c) Every application for an identification card shall be signed and verified by the applicant before a person authorized to administer oaths and shall be supported by bona fide documentary evidence of the age and identity of the applicant as the department may require, and shall include a legible print of the thumb or finger of the applicant.

- (d) Any person 62 years of age or older, and any other qualified person, may apply for, or possess, an identification card under the provisions of either subdivision (a) or (b), but not under both of those provisions.
- (e) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2018.
- SEC. 13. Section 13002 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- **13002.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (b), each identification card shall expire, unless canceled earlier, on the sixth birthday of the applicant following the date of application for the identification card. Renewal of any identification card, other than a senior citizen identification card, shall be made for a term which shall expire on the sixth birthday of the applicant following expiration of the identification card renewed, unless surrendered earlier. Any application for renewal received after 90 days after expiration of the identification card, including a senior citizen identification card, shall be considered the same as an application for an original identification card. The department shall, at the end of six years and six months after the issuance or renewal of an identification card, other than a senior citizen identification card, destroy any record of the card if it has expired and has not been renewed.
- (b) Every senior citizen identification card issued pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 13000 shall expire, unless canceled earlier, on the 10th birthday of the applicant following the date of application for the identification card. Renewal of any senior citizen identification card shall be made for a term which shall expire on the 10th birthday of the applicant following expiration of the senior citizen identification card renewed, unless surrendered earlier. The department shall, at the end of 10 years and six months after the issuance or renewal of a senior citizen identification card, destroy any record of the card if it has expired and has not been renewed.
- (c) An identification card may be issued to a person in exchange for the person's driver's license which is surrendered to the department for either of the following reasons:
 - (1) The person has a physical or mental condition and requests cancellation of the driver's license.
 - (2) The department has revoked the person's driving privilege based on the person's physical or mental condition.

That card shall be issued without the payment of any additional fee.

- (d) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) and (b), the department may adjust the expiration date of any identification card issued pursuant to this code so that the date does not exceed the expiration date of a document submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 12801.5.
- (e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2018, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2018, deletes or extends that date.
- **SEC. 14.** Section 13002 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:
- **13002.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (b), every identification card shall expire, unless canceled earlier, on the sixth birthday of the applicant following the date of application for the identification card. Renewal of any identification card, other than a senior citizen identification card, shall be made for a term which shall expire on the sixth birthday of the applicant following expiration of the identification card renewed, unless surrendered earlier. Any application for renewal received after 90 days after expiration of the identification card, including a senior citizen identification card, shall be considered the same as an application for an original identification card. The department shall, at the end of six years and six months after the issuance or renewal of an identification card, other than a senior citizen identification card, destroy any record of the card if it has expired and has not been renewed.
- (b) Every senior citizen identification card issued pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 13000 shall expire, unless canceled earlier, on the eighth birthday of the applicant following the date of application for the identification card. Renewal of any senior citizen identification card shall be made for a term which shall expire on the eighth birthday of the applicant following expiration of the senior citizen identification card renewed, unless surrendered earlier. The department shall, at the end of eight years and six months after the issuance or renewal of a senior citizen identification card, destroy any record of the card if it has expired and has not been renewed.
- (c) An identification card may be issued to a person in exchange for the person's driver's license which is surrendered to the department for either of the following reasons:
 - (1) The person has a physical or mental condition and requests cancellation of the driver's license.
 - (2) The department has revoked the person's driving privilege based on the person's physical or mental condition.

That card shall be issued without the payment of any additional fee.

- (d) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) and (b), the department may adjust the expiration date of any identification card issued pursuant to this code so that the date does not exceed the expiration date of a document submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 12801.5.
- (e) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2018.
- SEC. 15. Section 13002.1 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- **13002.1.** (a) The director shall establish a program that permits the renewal of identification cards by mail or through the department's Internet Web site.
- (b) The initial application for the identification card shall be pursuant to Section 13000. The first renewal for a person 62 years of age or older shall be for a 10-year period with a maximum of one renewal by mail or through the department's Internet Web site. All other renewals shall be for a six-year period with a maximum of two renewals by mail or through the department's Internet Web site.
- (c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2018, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2018, deletes or extends that date.
- SEC. 16. Section 13002.1 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:
- **13002.1.** (a) The director shall establish a program that permits the renewal of identification cards by mail or through the department's Internet Web site.
- (b) The initial application for the identification card shall be pursuant to Section 13000. After January 1, 2018, the first renewal for a person 62 years of age or older shall be for an eight-year period with a maximum of one renewal by mail or through the department's Internet Web site. All other renewals shall be for a six-year period with a maximum of two renewals by mail or through the department's Internet Web site.
- (c) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2018.
- SEC. 17. Section 21655.9 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- **21655.9.** (a) (1) If the Department of Transportation or a local authority authorizes or permits exclusive or preferential use of highway lanes or highway access ramps for high-occupancy vehicles pursuant to Section 21655.5, the use of those lanes or ramps shall also be extended to vehicles that are issued distinctive decals, labels, or other identifiers pursuant to Section 5205.5 regardless of vehicle occupancy or ownership.
 - (2) A local authority during periods of peak congestion shall suspend for a lane the access privileges extended pursuant to paragraph (1) for those vehicles issued distinctive decals, labels, or other identifiers pursuant to Section 5205.5, if a periodic review of lane performance by that local authority discloses both of the following factors regarding the lane:
 - (A) The lane, or a portion of the lane, exceeds a level of service C, as described in subdivision (b) of Section 65089 of the Government Code.
 - (B) The operation or projected operation of vehicles in the lane, or a portion of the lane, will significantly increase congestion.
- (b) A person shall not drive a vehicle described in subdivision (a) of Section 5205.5 with a single occupant upon a high-occupancy vehicle lane pursuant to this section unless the decal, label, or other identifier issued pursuant to Section 5205.5 is properly displayed on the vehicle, and the vehicle registration described in Section 5205.5 is with the vehicle.
- (c) A person shall not operate or own a vehicle displaying a decal, label, or other identifier, as described in Section 5205.5, if that decal, label, or identifier was not issued for that vehicle pursuant to Section 5205.5. A violation of this subdivision is a misdemeanor.
- (d) If the provisions in Section 5205.5 authorizing the department to issue decals, labels, or other identifiers to hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles are repealed, vehicles displaying those decals, labels, or other identifiers shall not access high-occupancy vehicle lanes without meeting the occupancy requirements otherwise applicable to those lanes.
- (e) (1) With respect to a vehicle described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 5205.5, this section shall become inoperative on January 1, 2019, or the date the federal authorization pursuant to Section 166 of Title 23 of the United States Code

expires, or the date the Secretary of State receives the notice described in subdivision (i) of Section 5205.5, whichever occurs first.

- (2) With respect to a vehicle described in paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 5205.5, this section shall become inoperative on January 1, 2019.
- (f) (1) The Department of Transportation shall prepare and submit a report to the Legislature on or before December 1, 2017, on the degradation status of high-occupancy vehicle lanes on the state highway system.
 - (2) The requirement that a report be submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be inoperative on December 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.
- (3) A report submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code. **SEC. 18.** Section 34507.5 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
- **34507.5.** (a) A motor carrier, as defined in Section 408, a motor carrier of property, and a for-hire motor carrier of property, as defined in Section 34601, shall obtain a carrier identification number from the department. Application for a carrier identification number shall be on a form furnished by the department. The department may furnish the form online and require the form to be completed and submitted electronically via the department's Internet Web site. Information provided in connection with an application for a carrier identification number shall be true and accurate, and updated by a motor carrier upon request from the department and within 15 days of any change of address or cessation of regulated activity at any of the motor carrier's terminals.
 - (1) A motor carrier required to obtain a carrier identification number shall first obtain a United States Department of Transportation number from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and provide that number on the application for a carrier identification number. The department shall not assign a carrier identification number unless the application includes the United States Department of Transportation number assigned to, and properly identifying, the motor carrier.
 - (2) A motor carrier shall ensure information associated with the United States Department of Transportation number assigned to the motor carrier is true and accurate. The information shall be updated as required by Part 390.19 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, before the motor carrier operates a commercial motor vehicle, at least once every two calendar years, and within 15 days of any change of information or cessation of regulated activity.
- (b) The carrier identification number assigned to the motor carrier under whose operating authority or motor carrier permit the vehicle or combination of vehicles is being operated shall be displayed on both sides of each vehicle, or on both sides of at least one motor vehicle in each combination of the following vehicles:
 - (1) Each vehicle set forth in Section 34500.
 - (2) A motortruck of two or more axles that is more than 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating.
 - (3) Any other motortruck or motor vehicle used to transport property for compensation.
- (c) A vehicle or combination of vehicles listed in subdivision (b) that is operated under a rental agreement with a term of not more than 30 calendar days shall meet all of the following requirements:
 - (1) Have displayed on both sides of each vehicle or on both sides of one of the vehicles in each combination of vehicles the name or trademark of the lessor.
 - (2) Have displayed on both sides of each vehicle or on both sides of one of the vehicles in each combination of vehicles any of the following numbers issued to the lessor:
 - (A) The carrier identification number issued by the United States Department of Transportation.
 - (B) A valid operating authority number.
 - (C) A valid motor carrier of property number.
 - (3) (A) Have in the vehicle or combination of vehicles a copy of the rental agreement entered into by the lessor and the vehicle operator.
 - (B) The rental agreement shall be available for inspection immediately upon the request of an authorized employee of the department, a regularly employed and salaried police officer or deputy sheriff, or a reserve police officer or reserve deputy sheriff listed pursuant to Section 830.6 of the Penal Code.

- (C) If the rented vehicle or combination of vehicles is operated in conjunction with a commercial enterprise, the rental agreement shall include the operator's carrier identification number or motor carrier of property permit number.
- (d) A vehicle or combination of vehicles that is in compliance with Section 390.21 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations shall be deemed to be in compliance with subdivision (c).
- (e) This section does not apply to any of the following vehicles:
 - (1) A vehicle described in subdivision (f) of Section 34500, that is operated by a private carrier as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 34601, if the gross vehicle weight rating of the towing vehicle is 10,000 pounds or less, or the towing vehicle is a pickup truck, as defined in Section 471. This exception does not apply to a vehicle combination described in subdivision (k) of Section 34500.
 - (2) A vehicle described in subdivision (g) of Section 34500, that is operated by a private carrier as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 34601, if the hazardous material transportation does not require the display of placards pursuant to Section 27903, a license pursuant to Section 32000.5, or hazardous waste hauler registration pursuant to Section 25163 of the Health and Safety Code.
 - (3) A historical vehicle, as described in Section 5004, and a vehicle that displays special identification plates in accordance with Section 5011.
 - (4) An implement of husbandry as defined in Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 36000) of Division 16.
 - (5) A vehicle owned or operated by an agency of the federal government.
 - (6) A pickup truck, as defined in Section 471, and a two-axle daily rental truck with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 26,001 pounds, when operated in noncommercial use.
- (f) Subdivision (b) does not apply to the following:
 - (1) A vehicle that displays a valid identification number assigned by the United States Secretary of the Department of Transportation.
 - (2) A vehicle that is regulated by, and that displays a valid operating authority number issued by, the Public Utilities Commission, including a household goods carrier as defined in Section 5109 of the Public Utilities Code.
 - (3) A for-hire motor carrier of passengers.
- (g) The display of the carrier identification number shall be in sharp contrast to the background, and shall be of a size, shape, and color that it is readily legible during daylight hours from a distance of 50 feet.
- (h) The carrier identification number for a company no longer in business, no longer operating with the same name, or no longer operating under the same operating authority, identification number, or motor carrier permit shall be removed before sale, transfer, or other disposal of a vehicle marked pursuant to this section.
- **SEC. 19.** (a) The California Department of Motor Vehicles shall pilot and evaluate a process to register voters pursuant to the California New Motor Voter Program (Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 2260) of Division 2 of the Elections Code) to assist persons who do not fully complete the voter registration process.
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, the department shall report on October 15, 2016, to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, on the outcome of this pilot, other process changes proposed to ensure the full completion of voter registration, and an evaluation of options for ensuring persons have the opportunity to fully complete the voter registration process, including additional information technology equipment or fully automating existing forms.
- (c) The department shall notify the Joint Legislative Budget Committee by September 1, 2016, if it is unable to implement the pilot process change for any reason.
- **SEC. 20.** The Legislature finds and declares, with regard to the amendments made by this act to Sections 5205.5 and 21655.9 of the Vehicle Code, as follows:
- (a) Programs that encourage the purchase and use of low-emission and zero-emission vehicles are necessary for California to achieve the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act. More broadly, low-emission and zero-emission vehicles are a cornerstone of California's long-term transportation strategy to reduce localized pollution, smog, and greenhouse gas emissions, save consumers money, and enable continued economic and job growth. Existing programs that allow low-emission and zero-emission vehicles access to high-occupancy vehicle lanes have been successful in encouraging their purchase and use.

- (b) The number of low-emission and zero-emission vehicles currently on the road in California represents a small portion of overall registered vehicles, less than 1 percent.
- (c) The Department of Transportation has reported that prior traffic counts indicate that low-emission and zero-emission vehicles contribute a very small percentage of the peak hour high-occupancy vehicle lane volume, under 5 percent of vehicles in those lanes.
- (d) It is the intent of the Legislature that vehicles eligible for the "Green Sticker Program" or specifically, vehicles that meet California's enhanced advanced technology partial zero-emission vehicle standard or transitional zero-emission vehicle standard, are allowed to continue to receive decals until the program's expiration date in current state law, which is January 1, 2019.
- (e) It is the intent of the Legislature that vehicles eligible for the "White Sticker Program" for zero-emission vehicles, referring specifically to vehicles that meet California's super ultra-low emission vehicle standard and other vehicle types specified for the existing program, are allowed to continue to receive decals until January 1, 2019.
- (f) High-occupancy vehicle lanes on the state highway system should operate efficiently and in compliance with federal law. The performance of high-occupancy lanes may degrade for several reasons, including, but not limited to, noncompliance with the law, economic growth, population growth, growth of carpooling as a share of trips, and access to high-occupancy vehicle lanes by zero-emission or low emission vehicles.
- (g) To maintain efficient use of high-occupancy vehicle lanes on the state highway system in accordance with federal FAST Act performance standards, the Legislature finds the actions the Department of Transportation may need to consider include, but are not limited to, increasing enforcement in collaboration with the Department of the California Highway Patrol, improving transit and active transportation along the affected corridors, increasing minimum occupancy with exceptions as currently provided in law, and improving traffic incident response.
- (h) To provide updated information to the Legislature and the public on the condition of high-occupancy lanes, and the effect of low-emission and zero-emission vehicle access to those lanes, it is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Transportation prepare and submit a report to the Legislature on or before December 1, 2017, on the degradation status of high-occupancy vehicle lanes on the state highway system.
- **SEC. 21.** No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.
- **SEC. 22.** For the 2016–17 fiscal year, the sum of three million eight hundred and eighty-eight thousand dollars (\$3,888,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Motor Vehicles to implement the California New Motor Voter Program consistent with Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 2260) of Division 2 of the Elections Code.
- **SEC. 23.** This act is a bill providing for appropriations related to the Budget Bill within the meaning of subdivision (e) of Section 12 of Article IV of the California Constitution, has been identified as related to the budget in the Budget Bill, and shall take effect immediately.