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Assembly Bill No. 25

CHAPTER 310

An act to amend Section 612 of, and to add Section 21118 to, the Vehicle Code, relating to tour buses.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 25, Nazarian. Tour buses: modified tour buses.

Existing law defines "tour bus" for purposes of regulation under the Vehicle Code. Existing law requires an operator of a tour bus to use a safety belt and to report any accidents involving the tour bus to the Department of the California Highway Patrol.

This bill would provide that the definition includes a tour bus that has had its roof substantially structurally modified or removed.

The bill would authorize local authorities to adopt rules and regulations to restrict the routes or streets upon which a modified tour bus may be operated, as specified. The bill would authorize local authorities to adopt rules and regulations to prohibit the use of loudspeakers or public address systems by a modified tour bus and instead require the use of headphones or similar devices by passengers for any information or presentation provided for the passengers.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: no Local Program: no

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

SECTION 1. Section 612 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

612. (a) "Tour bus" means a bus, which is operated by or for a charter-party carrier of passengers, as defined in Section 5360 of the Public Utilities Code, or a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code.

(b) "Tour bus" includes a bus described in subdivision (a) that has had its roof substantially structurally modified or removed.

SEC. 2. Section 21118 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

21118. (a) A local authority may adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution to restrict the routes or streets upon which a tour bus described in subdivision (b) of Section 612 may be operated, if the local authority determines that it is unsafe to operate those vehicles on those routes or streets.

(b) A local authority may adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution to prohibit the use of loudspeakers or public address systems by a tour bus described in subdivision (b) of Section 612, and instead require the use of headphones or similar devices by passengers for any information or presentation provided for the passengers.

