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TITLE 2. FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fair Political Practices Commission, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Sections 82011, 87303, and 87304 of the Government Code to review proposed conflict—of—interest codes, will review the proposed/amended conflict—of—interest codes of the following:

CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODES

AMENDMENT

MULTI-COUNTY: Butte County Mosquito and

Vector Control District Mendocino Lake Community

College District

STATE AGENCY: Department of Motor Vehicles

A written comment period has been established commencing on October 7, 2022 and closing on November 21, 2022. Written comments should be directed to the Fair Political Practices Commission, Attention Daniel Vo, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3000, Sacramento, California 95811.

At the end of the 45-day comment period, the proposed conflict-of-interest code(s) will be submitted to the Commission's Executive Director for his review, unless any interested person or his or her duly authorized representative requests, no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period, a public hearing before the full Commission. If a public hearing is requested, the proposed code(s) will be submitted to the Commission for review.

The Executive Director of the Commission will review the above–referenced conflict–of–interest code(s), proposed pursuant to Government Code Section 87300, which designate, pursuant to Government Code Section 87302, employees who must disclose certain investments, interests in real property and income.

The Executive Director of the Commission, upon his or its own motion or at the request of any interested person, will approve, or revise and approve, or return the proposed code(s) to the agency for revision and re–submission within 60 days without further notice.

Any interested person may present statements, arguments or comments, in writing to the Executive Director of the Commission, relative to review of the proposed conflict—of—interest code(s). Any written comments must be received no later than November 21, 2022. If a public hearing is to be held, oral comments may be presented to the Commission at the hearing.

TITLE 5. COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING

EMERGENCY PERMITS

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission) proposes to take the regulatory action described below after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed action. A copy of the proposed regulations is included with the added text underlined and the deleted text lined out.

The Commission has not scheduled a public hearing on this proposed action. However, the Commission will hold a hearing if it receives a written request for a public hearing from any interested person, or their authorized representative, no later than 15 days before the close of the comment period.

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

The Commission is proposing to amend sections 80021, 80021.1, 80022, 80023.2, 80026.6, 80027, and 80027.1 related to emergency permits. Specifically, the Commission is proposing the addition of the following statement, "Beginning January 1, 2023, employing agencies shall be required to submit applications requesting (type of permit) through the Commission's online application system." This statement clarifies that employing agencies will be required to submit emergency permit applications via the Commission's online application system, eliminating the option to submit paper applications via mail. Requiring the online submission of these applications will significantly reduce issues with improperly filled out paper applications, timely payments, and mailing delays.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, may submit written comments by fax, through the mail, or by email relevant to the proposed action. The written comment period closes at midnight on November 22, 2022. Comments must be received

by that time or may be submitted at the public hearing, should one be requested. Interested parties may fax their response to (916) 327–3165; write to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, attn. Mika Laidler–Rubio, 1900 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, California 95811; or submit an email to mika.laidler-rubio@ctc.ca.gov.

Any written comments received by the closing of the public comment period will be reproduced by the Commission's staff for each member of the Commission as a courtesy to the person submitting the comments and will be included in the written agenda prepared for and presented to the full Commission at the hearing.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Education Code (EC) section 44225(q) authorizes the Commission to adopt the proposed regulations and amendments. These regulations are proposed in order to implement, interpret, and make specific the following: Education Code sections 44225 to 56366 (non-consecutive) pertaining to the emergency permits.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Summary of Existing Laws and Regulations

This rulemaking action proposes amendments to the California Code of Regulations relating to emergency permit application submission. The Commission currently allows employing agencies to submit applications for emergency permits, including Short–Term Staff Permits (STSP), Provisional Internship Permits (PIP), English Learner Permits, and Limited Assignment Permits either electronically via the online application system or via a paper application by mail. The proposed regulatory changes would require employing agencies to submit emergency permit applications through the online system, eliminating the option to submit paper applications via mail. Therefore, aligning the way in which emergency permit applications are submitted with current permit applications.

Summary of Effect of the Proposed Rulemaking

These proposed regulations would parallel the current requirements for Commission—approved program sponsors to submit recommendations for program completers online. These regulations make clear the emergency permit applications that will be required to be submitted via the Commission's online application system, eliminating the option to submit paper applications via mail. Changes to Title 5 regulations are proposed accordingly to ensure coherence and consistency.

Objectives and Anticipated Benefits of the Proposed Regulations

The Commission anticipates that requiring the online submission of emergency permit applications will significantly reduce issues with improperly filled out paper applications, timely payments, and mailing delays. This would cut down on the overall time that it takes for processing applications that have errors or issues with the application form. Additionally, it will improve the communication process in instances where additional information is required from an applicant or employer to complete processing because online communication is faster and more convenient.

Determination of Inconsistency/Incompatibility with Existing State Regulations

The Commission has determined that the proposed regulation amendments are not inconsistent or incompatible with existing regulations. After conducting a review for any regulations that would relate to or affect this area, the Commission has concluded that these are the only regulations that concern emergency permits.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTIONS/FISCAL IMPACT

The Commission has made the following initial determinations:

LOCAL MANDATE

These proposed regulations will not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts that must be reimbursed in accordance with Part 7 (commencing with section 17500) of the Government Code. Local education agencies may choose sponsor educator preparation programs utilizing the proposed regulations; however no mandate exists requiring local agencies or school districts to have educator preparation programs and, therefore, no reimbursement in accordance with Part 7 (commencing with section 17500) of the Government Code is required.

FISCAL IMPACT

Costs to any local agency or school district requiring reimbursement pursuant to Government Code section 17500 et seq.

These proposed regulations will not impose a cost to local agencies or school districts requiring reimbursement in accordance with Part 7 (commencing with section 17500) of the Government Code as sponsoring an educator preparation program which is aligned to the proposed regulations and is not required by law.

Cost or savings to any state agency.

None. Sponsoring an educator preparation program which is aligned to the proposed regulations is not required by law.

Other non-discretionary costs or savings imposed upon local agencies.

None. Sponsoring an educator preparation program which is aligned to the proposed regulations is not required by law.

Cost or savings in federal funding to the state.

None. Sponsoring an educator preparation program which is aligned to the proposed regulations is not required by law.

HOUSING COSTS

No significant effect on housing costs exists. The proposed regulations do not intersect with the cost of housing.

SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT DIRECTLY AFFECTING BUSINESSES, INCLUDING THE ABILITY OF CALIFORNIA BUSINESSES TO COMPETE WITH BUSINESSES IN OTHER STATES

The Commission has concluded there is no significant adverse impact on business. The proposed regulations only apply to employing agencies who are submitting an application for Commission—issued emergency permits. Therefore, no businesses will be affected.

STATEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.3(b), the Commission has made the following assessments regarding the proposed regulations:

Creation or Elimination of Jobs within California

The Commission concludes that it is unlikely that the proposal will create or eliminate jobs within the State of California. Currently, the Commission allows employing agencies to submit applications for emergency permits either electronically via the online application system or via a paper application by mail. By eliminating the option for paper applications, the workload for staff would likely not be affected because the proposed changes would not impact the actual number of applications that would be submitted, only the method of submission.

Creation of New Businesses or Elimination of Existing Business within California

The Commission concludes that it is unlikely that the proposal will create any new businesses or eliminate any existing businesses within the State of California. Employing agencies will need to submit emergency permit applications through the Commission's online application system which is already an established process for other Commission—issued permits. Expansion of Businesses Currently Doing Business within California

The Commission concludes that it is unlikely the proposal would cause the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California since employing agencies will continue to submit applications to the Commission. Thus, there will not be a creation of new business or elimination of an existing business.

Benefits of the Regulations

The Commission anticipates that the proposed amendments will continue to benefit the health and welfare of California residents. Benefits anticipated from this regulatory action include protecting the environment by reducing the paper waste from applications submitted by the mail. Also, online applications will benefit the health and wellness and worker safety of employing agency employees by allowing them to continue practicing appropriate social distancing.

COST IMPACTS ON A REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS

The Commission is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

BUSINESS REPORT

This proposal does not require a report to be made.

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The proposed regulations will not have a significant adverse economic impact upon small business. The proposed regulations only apply to employing agencies who are submitting an application for Commission—issued emergency permits. Business will remain the same and thus will not have an adverse economic impact on small business.

ALTERNATIVES STATEMENT

The Commission must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would be

more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost–effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law. The Commission invites interested persons to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulations during the written comment period or at the public hearing.

CONTACT PERSON/ FURTHER INFORMATION

General or substantive inquiries concerning the proposed action may be directed to Mika Laidler–Rubio by telephone at (916) 327–8697, by mail at Commission on Teacher Credentialing: Attn: Mika Laidler–Rubio, 1900 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95811, or by email to Mika_Laidler-Rubio@ctc.ca.gov or Erin Skubal at Eskubal@ctc.ca.gov. General question inquiries may also be directed to the addresses mentioned above. Upon request, a copy of the express terms of the proposed action and a copy of the Initial Statement of Reasons will be made available. This information is also available on the Commission's website at http://www.ctc.ca.gov/notices/rulemaking.html. In addition, all the information on which this proposal is based is available for inspection and copying.

AVAILABILITY OF STATEMENT OF REASONS AND TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

The entire rulemaking file is available for inspection and copying throughout the rulemaking process at the Commission office at the above address. As of the date this notice is published in the Notice Register the rulemaking file consists of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the proposed text of regulations, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and an economic impact assessment/analysis contained in the Initial Statement of Reasons. Copies may be obtained by contacting Mika Laidler—Rubio at the addresses or telephone number provided above.

MODIFICATION OF PROPOSED ACTION

If the Commission proposes to modify the actions hereby proposed, the modifications (other than non–substantial or solely grammatical modifications) will be made available for public comment for at least 15 days before they are adopted.

AVAILABILITY OF FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

The Final Statement of Reasons is submitted to the Office of Administrative Law as part of the final rulemaking package, following the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon its completion, copies of the Final Statement of Reasons may be obtained by contacting Mika Laidler–Rubio at Mika.Laidler–Rubio etc.ca.gov or Erin Skubal at ESkubal etc.ca.gov.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

Copies of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and the text of the regulations can be accessed through the Commission's website at http://www.ctc.ca.gov/notices/rulemaking.html.

TITLE 10. DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

REG-2022-00015 REVISIONS TO CALIFORNIA AUTOMOBILE ASSIGNED RISK PLAN PLAN OF OPERATIONS

SUBJECT OF HEARING

California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara ("Commissioner") will hold a public hearing to address the proposed amendments to the California Automobile Assigned Risk Plan ("CAARP" or "Plan") Plan of Operations. California Code of Regulations, Title 10, Chapter 5, Section 2498.4.9 references this plan.

AUTHORITY TO ADOPT RATES AND REFERENCES

The Commissioner will consider the proposed changes pursuant to the authority vested in him by Section 11620 of the California Insurance Code. The Commissioner's decision on the proposed changes will implement, interpret and make specific the requirements of Insurance Code Section 11624(e). Insurance Code section 11620(c) applies to this proceeding.

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held to permit all interested persons the opportunity to present statements or arguments, orally or in writing, with respect to the proposed changes at the following date, time, and place:

Date and Time:

November 30, 2022, 1:00 p.m.

Location:

Department of Insurance Hearing Room 300 South Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90013

ACCESS TO HEARING ROOM

The facilities to be used for the public hearing are accessible to persons with mobility impairments. Persons with sight or hearing impairments are requested to notify the contact person (listed below) for this hearing in order to make special arrangements, if necessary.

WRITTEN AND/OR ORAL COMMENTS: AGENCY CONTACT PERSON

All persons are invited to submit written comments to the Insurance Commissioner on the application prior to the public comment deadline. Comments should be addressed to the contact person for this proceeding:

Contact Person:

Michael Riordan, Attorney California Department of Insurance Enforcement Bureau 1901 Harrison Street Oakland, CA 94612 riordanm@insurance.ca.gov

Telephone: (415) 538–4226 Facsimile: (510) 238–7830

The *backup* agency contact person for this proceeding will be:

Elsa Carre, Legal Analyst
California Department of Insurance
Rate Enforcement Bureau
1901 Harrison Street
Oakland, CA 94612

Elsa.Carre@insurance.ca.gov Telephone: (415) 538-4461

All persons are invited to present oral and/or written testimony at the scheduled public hearing.

DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS

All written materials, unless submitted at the hearing, must be **received** by the Insurance Commissioner at the address listed above **no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 30, 2022.** Any written materials received after that time will not be considered. Written comments may also be submitted to the contact person by e-mail or facsimile transmission. Please select only one method to submit written comments.

ADVOCACY OR WITNESS FEES

Persons or groups representing the interest of consumers may be entitled to reasonable advocacy fees, witness fees, and other reasonable expenses, in accordance with the provisions of California Code of Regulations, Title 10, Sections 2662.1–2662.6 in connection with their participation in this matter. Interested persons must submit a Petition to Participate, as specified in California Code of Regulations, Title 10, Section 2661.4. The Petition to Participate must be submitted to the Commissioner at the Office of the Public Advisor at the following address:

California Department of Insurance Office of the Public Advisor 300 Spring Street, 12th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90013 Telephone: (213) 346–6635

A copy of the Petition to Participate must also be submitted to the contact person for this hearing (listed above). For further information, please contact the Office of the Public Advisor.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

CA 22-06

Plan rules must be updated to clarify how companies will report voluntary base data for autocycles written in the voluntary market and Automobile Insurance Plan data for autocycles written by the Plan. In addition, the miscellaneous nonfleet personal vehicle class for motorcycles eligible for assignment should be expanded to include autocycles.

COMPARABLE FEDERAL LAW

There are no comparable existing federal regulations or statutes.

LOCAL MANDATE DETERMINATION

The Insurance Commissioner has initially determined that the application will not result in any new program mandates on local agencies or school districts.

MANDATES ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR COSTS WHICH MUST BE REIMBURSED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 17500 THROUGH 17630

The Insurance Commissioner has initially determined that the application will not result in any cost or significant savings to any local agency or school district for which Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code would require reimbursement, or in other nondiscretionary costs or savings to local agencies.

COST OR SAVINGS TO ANY STATE AGENCY; FEDERAL FUNDING

The Commissioner has determined that the application will result in no cost or savings to any state agency and no cost or savings in federal funding to the state.

SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES AND THE ABILITY OF CALIFORNIA BUSINESSES TO COMPETE

The Commissioner has initially determined that the proposal will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. This proposal will have no effect on the creation or elimination of jobs in California, the creation of new businesses, the elimination of existing businesses in California, or the expansion of businesses in California.

COST IMPACTS ON PRIVATE PERSONS OR ENTITIES

The Insurance Commissioner has initially determined that the proposal will not affect private persons or entities.

IMPACT ON HOUSING COSTS

The Insurance Commissioner has initially determined that the application will not affect housing costs.

IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The proposed rate changes could affect small businesses.

SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGIES OR EQUIPMENT

The application would not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

ALTERNATIVES

The Insurance Commissioner must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the agency, or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the agency, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action.

PLAIN ENGLISH

The application describing the proposal is in plain English. However, the application itself is based on technical actuarial principles.

TEXT AND INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

The Department has prepared an Initial Statement of Reasons addressing the proposed rate application in addition to the Informative Digest included in this notice. The Initial Statement of Reasons, Notice of Proposed Action and Regulation Text are available for inspection or copying, and will be provided at no charge upon request to the contact person listed above. Further details on CAARP's proposal are on file with the Commissioner and available for review as set forth below.

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

A Final Statement of Reasons will be prepared at the conclusion of this proceeding. Upon written or e-mail request to the contact person listed above, the Final Statement of Reasons will be made available for inspection and copying once it has been prepared. A copy of the Final Statement of Reasons will also be posted on the Department's website.

ACCESS TO RULEMAKING FILE

Any interested person may inspect a copy of or direct questions about CAARP's application, the statement of reasons, and any supplemental information contained in the rulemaking file by contacting the contact person listed above. **By prior appointment**, the rulemaking file is available for inspection at 1901 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA 94612, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

AUTOMATIC MAILING

A copy of this Notice, including the Informative Digest, is being sent to all persons on the Insurance Commissioner's mailing list.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

The Initial Statement of Reasons, proposed text, and this Notice of Proposed Action will be published online and may be accessed through the Department's website at www.insurance.ca.gov.

AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED TEXT OF REGULATIONS

If the Department amends the application with changes that are sufficiently related to the original application, the Department will make the full text of the amended rates, with the changes clearly indicated, available to the public for at least 15 days before the date the Department adopts the amended rates.

TITLE 10. DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

REG-2022-00016 REVISIONS TO CALIFORNIA LOW COST AUTOMOBILE PLAN OF OPERATIONS

SUBJECT OF HEARING

California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara will hold a public hearing to consider an adjustment to rates for the California Low Cost Automobile Insurance program.

Insurance Code Section 11629.72(c) provides that, annually, the California Automobile Assigned Risk Plan ("CAARP") shall submit to the Commissioner a proposed Low Cost Automobile rate and surcharge schedule for approval. Accordingly, CAARP submitted its 2020 rate recommendation, proposing an overall average rate decrease of 2.2%. The Commissioner will consider the current rates and CAARP's rate proposal and hereby invites public input regarding CAARP's proposal. Premium rates are specified in the program's Plan of Operations, approved by the Commissioner. California Code of Regulations, Title 10, Chapter 5, Section 2498.6 references this plan.

AUTHORITY TO ADOPT RATES AND REFERENCES

Authority for the promulgation of rates is vested in the Insurance Commissioner pursuant to California Insurance Code Sections 11620, 11624, 11629.7, 11629.72, and 11629.79. Premium rates are referenced in Section 27 and Exhibit E of the Program's Plan of

Operations. The proposed regulation implements, interprets and makes specific Insurance Code Sections 11629.72 and 11629.79. Government Code Section 11340.9(g) applies to this proceeding.

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held to permit all interested persons the opportunity to present statements or arguments, orally or in writing, with respect to the proposed changes at the following date, time, and place:

Date and Time:
November 30, 2022, 1:00 p.m.
Location:
Department of Insurance Hearing Room
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INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

LC 22-03

California Insurance Code Sections 11629.7 through 11629.85 establish, within the California Automobile Assigned Risk Plan, established under Section 11620 of the Insurance Code, a statewide Low Cost Automobile Insurance Program.

Because the program is established and administered through the CAARP, CAARP procedures are applied where appropriate and consistent with the low cost automobile insurance statutes. Insurance Code Sections 11620 and 11624 require the Commissioner to hold a public hearing before amending assigned risk plan rates.

Section 11629.7 of the Insurance Code requires that, after a public hearing, the Commissioner shall approve

or issue a reasonable plan for the equitable apportionment, among insurers, of eligible consumers. The plan also contains rules and rates. This plan, approved by the Commissioner, is referenced in Title 10, Section 2498.6 of the California Code of Regulations.

Under the program, the low-cost auto policy satisfies financial responsibility laws and provides coverage of \$10,000 for liability for bodily injury or death to one person, subject to a cumulative limit of \$20,000 for all persons in one accident, and \$3,000 for liability for damage to property. In addition to eligibility and other requirements, the statute sets forth the annual premium rates. In certain cases, surcharges are added to the base rate. The statute also provides procedures for adjusting the rates.

Insurance Code Section 11629.72(c) provides that, annually, CAARP shall submit to the Commissioner a proposed rate and surcharge for approval. Accordingly, CAARP has submitted a proposal to decrease the current rate 2.2% for the liability policy. Further details appear in the application on file with the Commissioner, which is available for review as set forth below.

COMPARABLE FEDERAL LAW

There are no comparable existing federal regulations or statutes.

LOCAL MANDATE DETERMINATION

The Insurance Commissioner has initially determined that the application will not result in any new program mandates on local agencies or school districts.

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TITLE 10. DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

REG-2022-00017 REVISIONS TO CALIFORNIA LOW COST AUTOMOBILE PLAN OF OPERATIONS

SUBJECT OF HEARING

California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara ("Commissioner") will hold a public hearing to address the proposed amendments to the California Low Cost Automobile ("CLCA") Plan of Operations. California Code of Regulations, Title 10, Chapter 5, Section 2498.6 references this plan.

AUTHORITY TO ADOPT RATES AND REFERENCES

The Commissioner will consider the proposed changes pursuant to the authority vested in him by Section 11620 of the California Insurance Code. The Commissioner's decision on the proposed changes will implement, interpret and make specific the requirements of Insurance Code Section 11624(e). Insurance Code section 11620(c) applies to this proceeding.

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held to permit all interested persons the opportunity to present statements or arguments, orally or in writing, with respect to the proposed changes at the following date, time, and place:

Date and Time:
November 30, 2022, 1:00 p.m.
Location:
Department of Insurance Hearing Room
300 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013

ACCESS TO HEARING ROOM

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WRITTEN AND/OR ORAL COMMENTS: AGENCY CONTACT PERSON

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Contact Person:

Michael Riordan, Attorney California Department of Insurance Enforcement Bureau 1901 Harrison Street Oakland, CA 94612 riordanm@insurance.ca.gov

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INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

LC 22-02

The calculation of Voluntary Private Passenger Nonfleet Liability Net Direct Written Car Years excludes miscellaneous nonfleet personal vehicles and named nonowner applicants. The Low Cost provisions must be updated to expand the list of miscellaneous vehicles from participation to include autocycles. Since autocycles are not eligible to be insured through the Low Cost program, autocycles should therefore be excluded from the base of voluntary vehicles used to determine Low Cost quota shares.

COMPARABLE FEDERAL LAW

There are no comparable existing federal regulations or statutes.

LOCAL MANDATE DETERMINATION

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REG-2022-00018 REVISIONS TO CALIFORNIA AUTOMOBILE ASSIGNED RISK PLAN PLAN OF OPERATIONS

SUBJECT OF HEARING

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INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

CA 22-09

An applicant can choose to pay the annual premium of a CAARP policy over time by either selecting the 5-installment payment option or the premium finance option. To provide the applicant with more time to pay the annual premium without interfering with the renewal cycle and as an alternative to premium financing, the current 5-installment payment option will be replaced with a 9-installment payment option.

The estimated annual premium deposit percentage and the minimum premium deposit is reduced with the introduction of the 9-installment premium payment option.

COMPARABLE FEDERAL LAW

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TITLE 10. DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

REG-2022-00019 REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA AUTOMOBILE ASSIGNED RISK PLAN PLAN OF OPERATIONS

SUBJECT OF HEARING

California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara will hold a public hearing to address the proposed amendments to the California Automobile Assigned Risk Plan (CAARP) Plan of Operations.

AUTHORITY TO ADOPT RULES AND PROCEDURES AND REFERENCE

The Commissioner will consider the proposed changes pursuant to the authority vested in him by Section 11620 of the California Insurance Code. The Commissioner's decision on the proposed changes will implement, interpret, or make specific the requirements of Insurance Code Section 11624(e). Insurance Code Section 11620(c) applies to this proceeding.

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

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Date: November 30, 2022 Time: 1 p.m. Department of Insurance Hearing Room 300 South Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90013

The hearing will continue on the date noted above until all testimony has been submitted or until 5:00 p.m., whichever is earlier.

ACCESS TO HEARING ROOM

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Contact Person:

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Telephone: (415) 538–4226 Facsimile: (510) 238–7830

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INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

CA 22-08

When coverage for an additional or replacement vehicle or a change in driver is requested, a completed Policy Change Request Form (PCR) is submitted directly to the assigned insurer or servicing carrier by (1) mail via the United States Postal Service, (2) delivery by means other than the United States Postal Service or (3) electronically via facsimile. Electronic submission of the PCR is being expanded to include E–Mail. Also, the procedure for the submission of any required additional premium payments when the PCR is submitted electronically to the assigned insurer or servicing carrier is clarified.

COMPARABLE FEDERAL LAW

There are no comparable existing federal regulations or statutes.

LOCAL MANDATE DETERMINATION

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INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

CA 22-07

The classes of commercial risks subject to preliminary premium audits need to be expanded to include classifications other than (1) all policies with Any Auto coverage symbol, (2) all Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Public Utilities Commission (PUC), and Public Service Commission (PSC) regulated carriers, and (3) all policies with MCS 90 or MCS 90B endorsements. This will provide the servicing carrier with flexibility to perform a preliminary premium audit on other commercial risks as deemed necessary.

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TITLE 14. CONSERVATION CORPS

SELECTION PROCESS FOR PRIVATE ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING FIRMS

The California Conservation Corps (Department) proposes to adopt sections 4400, 4401, 4402, 4403, 4404, 4405, 4406, 4407, 4408, 4409, 4410, 4411, 4412, and 4413 of Title 14, Division 19, Chapter 4 of the California Code of Regulations concerning the selection process for private architectural and engineering firms.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Department has not scheduled a public hearing on this proposed regulatory action. However, the Department will hold a hearing if it receives a written request for a public hearing from any interested person or their authorized representative no later than 15 days before the close of the written comment period.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person or their authorized representative may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action. The written comment period closes on November 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Only written comments received by that time will be considered. Please submit written comments to:

Jeffrey Schwarzschild California Conservation Corps 1719 24th Street Sacramento, CA 95816 (916) 341–3207 regulations@ccc.ca.gov

NOTE: Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Authority: Section 4526, Government Code (Gov. Code).

Reference: Sections 4525, 4526, 4526.5, 4527, 4528, 4529, 4529.5, 4529.10, 4529.11, 4529.12, 4529.13, 4529.13, 4529.14, 4529.15, 4529.16, 4529.17, 4529.18, 4529.19, and 4529.20, Government Code; and Article XXII, Sections 1 and 2, California Constitution.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Summary of Existing Laws and Regulations:

Generally, the California Constitution forbids state agencies from contracting for private companies to perform the services that state civil service employees can perform. In response, California voters adopted Proposition 35 in November 2000. Entitled the "Fair Competition and Taxpayer Savings Act," Proposition 35 added Article XXII to the California Constitution to provide that the State of California and all other governmental entities "shall be allowed to contract with qualified private entities for architectural and engineering services for all public works of improvement." (Cal. Const., article XXII, § 1.)

Proposition 35 also added chapter 10.1, commencing with section 4529.10, to the Government Code. "Architectural and engineering services" includes all architectural, landscape architectural, environmental, engineering, land surveying, and construction project management services." (Gov. Code, § 4529.10.) Proposition 35 also codified the voters' intent to promote fair competition. (*Id.* at § 4529.12.) State agencies enter contracts with private firms through a competitive process of advertising for the service, selecting the firm determined to be best qualified, and negotiating a contract with that firm. (*Id.* at § 4525 et seq.)

A state agency is required to develop regulations describing the procedures for contracting with private architectural and engineering firms. (Gov. Code, § 4526.) Currently, the Department is unable to contract with private architectural and engineering firms because it has not adopted regulations on this subject.

Effect of the Proposed Rulemaking:

These proposed regulations would create a process for the Department to contract with private architectural and engineering firms.

Anticipated Benefits of the Proposed Regulations:

The purpose and intent of Proposition 35 included "remov[ing] existing restrictions on contracting for architectural and engineering services and [allowing] state, regional and local governments to use qualified private architectural and engineering firms to help deliver transportation, schools, water, seismic retrofit and other infrastructure projects safely, cost—

effectively and on time;" "encourag[ing] the kind of public/private partnerships necessary to ensure that California taxpayers benefit from the use of private sector experts to deliver transportation, schools, water, seismic retrofit and other infrastructure projects;" "promot[ing] fair competition so that both public and private sector architects and engineers work smarter, more efficiently and ultimately deliver better value to taxpayers;" "speed[ing] the completion of a multibillion dollar backlog of highway, bridge, transit and other projects;" "ensur[ing] that contracting for architectural and engineering services occurs through a fair, competitive selection process, free of undue political influence, to obtain the best quality and value for California taxpayers;" and "ensur[ing] that private firms contracting for architectural and engineering services with governmental entities meet established design and construction standards and comply with standard accounting practice and permit financial and performance audits as necessary to ensure contract services are delivered within the agreed schedule and budget." (Initiative Measure (Prop. 35, § 2, approved Nov. 7, 2000, effective Nov. 8, 2000).)

The specific benefits anticipated by the proposed regulations include: (1) the Department will be able to complete projects in a timely manner by directly contracting with private firms when State civil service staff are not available to perform the necessary work; (2) the Department will be able to make annual announcements based on the general need for architectural and engineering services to assist in its overall mission and may enter into requirements contracts, also commonly known as "on—call" contracts; (3) "on—call" contracts will allow for expeditious and cost—effective contracting for as—needed projects; and (4) business opportunities for private firms to contract with the Department will be increased.

Comparable Federal Regulations:

There are no existing federal regulations or statutes comparable to these proposed regulations.

Determination of Inconsistency/Incompatibility with Existing State Regulations:

The Department has determined that these proposed regulations are not inconsistent or incompatible with existing state regulations. After conducting a review for any regulations that would relate to or affect this area, the Department has concluded that these are the only regulations that concern the Department's ability to contract with private architectural and engineering firms.

Forms or Documents Incorporated by Reference:

None.

Other Statutory Requirements:

None.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

The Department's Initial Determinations:

Mandate on local agencies or school districts: None. Cost or savings to any state agency: No fiscal impact on Department spending because the cost of contracting with private architectural and engineering firms will be comparable to current spending with the

Department of General Services for architectural and

engineering services.

Cost to any local agency or school district which must be reimbursed in accordance with Government Code sections 17500 through 17630: None.

Other non-discretionary costs or savings imposed on local agencies: None.

Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: None.

Cost impacts on representative person or business: The Department is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action. Businesses are not required to apply for contracting opportunities with the Department. These regulations could result in additional income for businesses if they choose to participate in the program and are selected for a project.

Significant effect on housing costs: None.

Significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including ability to compete: The Department has made an initial determination that that the proposed action will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Results of the Economic Impact Assessment (EIA):

The Department concludes that it is (1) unlikely that the proposal will create or eliminate jobs within the state, (2) unlikely that the proposal will create new businesses or eliminate existing businesses within the state, (3) likely that the proposal will result in the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the state.

The Department also concludes that:

- (1) The proposal would benefit the health and welfare of California residents by allowing the Department to use qualified private architectural and engineering firms to help deliver projects safely, cost–effectively, and on time.
- (2) The proposal would benefit worker safety by allowing the Department to contract with private architectural and engineering firms, thereby enabling the Department to resolve and avoid project delays that may otherwise jeopardize worker safety.

(3) The proposal would not benefit the state's environment because it does not change any applicable environmental standards.

Business report requirement: None.

Small business determination: The Department has determined that the proposed action affects small businesses. Small businesses will have more of an opportunity to compete for contracts under these regulations.

CONSIDER ATION OF ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.5, subdivision (a)(13), the Department must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the Department or that has been brought to the attention of the Department would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action or would be more cost—effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

The Department has determined that the proposed regulations are the most effective way to contract with private architectural and engineering firms. The regulations do not create any burden because applying to contract with the Department is voluntary. These regulations increase business opportunities for private firms because they will allow the Department to select private firms to complete necessary projects.

CONTACT PERSONS

Inquiries concerning the proposed administrative action may be directed to:

Jeffrey Schwarzschild California Conservation Corps 1719 24th Street Sacramento, CA 95816 (916) 341–3207 regulations@ccc.ca.gov

Questions regarding procedure, comments, or the substance of the proposed action should be addressed to the above contact person. In the event the contact person is unavailable, inquiries regarding the proposed action may be directed to the following backup contact person:

Dan Millsap California Conservation Corps 1719 24th Street Sacramento, CA 95816 (916) 341–3105 dan.millsap@ccc.ca.gov

AVAILABILITY OF STATEMENT OF REASONS, TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS, AND RULEMAKING FILE

The Department will have the entire rulemaking file available for inspection and copying throughout the rulemaking process at its office at the above address. As of the date this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Notice) is published in the Notice Register, the rulemaking file consists of this Notice, the Text of Proposed Regulations (the "express terms" of the regulations), the Initial Statement of Reasons, and any information upon which the proposed rulemaking is based. The text of this Notice, the express terms, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and any information upon which the proposed rulemaking is based are available on the Department's website at https:// ccc.ca.gov/who-we-are/architectural-engineeringcontracting/. Please refer to the contact information listed above to obtain copies of these documents.

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

After the Department analyzes all timely and relevant comments received during the 45-day public comment period, the Department will either adopt these regulations substantially as described in this notice or make modifications based on the comments. If the Department makes modifications which are sufficiently related to the originally-proposed text, it will make the modified text (with the changes clearly indicated) available to the public for at least 15 days before the Department adopts the regulations as revised. Please send requests for copies of any modified regulations to the attention of the name and address indicated above. The Department will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Upon its completion, a copy of the Final Statement of Reasons will be available on the Department's website at https://ccc.ca.gov/who-we-are/architectural-engineering-contracting/. Please refer to the contact information listed above to obtain a written copy of the Final Statement of Reasons.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

Copies of this Notice, the express terms, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and any information upon which the proposed rulemaking is based are available

on the Department's website at https://ccc.ca.gov/who-we-are/architectural-engineering-contracting/.

TITLE 16. BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR

CITATION AND REMEDIAL TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR DEALERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of Consumer Affairs, Bureau of Automotive Repair (hereinafter "Bureau" or "BAR") is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview below, after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed action. Any person interested may present statements or arguments relevant to the action proposed in writing. Written comments, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the addresses listed under Contact Person in this Notice, must be received by the Board at its office on Monday, November 21, 2022.

The Bureau has not scheduled a public hearing on this proposed action. The Bureau will, however, hold a hearing if it receives a written request for a public hearing from any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period.

The Bureau may, after considering all timely and relevant comments, adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice, or may modify the proposed regulations if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this Notice as the contact person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Pursuant to the authority vested by Business and Professions Code (BPC or Bus. & Prof. Code) sections 12.5, 125.9, 148, 9882, 9884.7, and 9884.19, and to implement, interpret, or make specific BPC sections 10, 27, 30, 31, 114.5, 115.4, 118, 125.9, 135.4, 141, 142, 148, 149, 163.5, 302(d), 480, 9882, 9882.3, 9884, 9884.7, 9884.8, 9884.9, 9884.10, and 9884.11; Health and Safety Code (HSC) sections 44002, 44031.5, 44050, and 44052; and Government Code sections 87100, 11430.10, 11430.20, 11430.30, 11430.40, 11425.30, 11425.40, 11445.10, 11445.20, 11505, and

11522, the Bureau is considering amending Article 11.1, sections 3394.25, 3394.26, and 3394.27, sections 3394.40, 3394.41, 3394.42, 3394.43, 3394.44, 3394.45, and 3394.46 of Article 11.2, adding sections 3394.50, 3394.51, 3394.52, 3394.53, 3394.54, and 3394.55 to a new Article 11.3, and adding sections 3395.7, 3395.8, 3395.9, and 3395.10 to a new Article 12.5 to the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR or Bureau) is the state agency charged with licensing automotive repair dealers (ARDs), smog check stations, STAR stations, brake and lamp stations, and their respective inspectors, repair technicians, and adjusters. The Bureau is responsible for issuing citations to licensees who conduct smog checks for violations of Health & Safety Code (HSC) 44000 et seq. The Bureau, as a designee of the Director of DCA, is authorized to determine when and against whom a citation will be issued and to issue citations containing orders of abatement and/ or administrative fines for violations by a licensee or contractor of HSC section 44000 et seq. and any regulations adopted pursuant those statutes. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, § 3394.25.)

In the event of misconduct such as negligent acts, violations of trade standards, or other violations of concern, the Bureau may issue a citation to an ARD for applicable violations under Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 9882. Though BPC section 125.9 authorizes the Bureau to establish an ARD citation program, the Bureau has not yet implemented this statute in regulation. Currently, when these violations do not rise to a level warranting discipline through an administrative action, the Bureau addresses these violations with the ARD through education efforts such as notification on a Station Inspection Report, and/or various conferences with Bureau representatives. The Bureau needs a tool to address more serious violations of the Automotive Repair Act (Act) that do not rise to the level of an administrative action. When BAR issues a citation, consumers will be able to access this information when BAR posts information to the internet pursuant to BPC section 27. This information will assist consumers in making a more informed decision when choosing a repair facility.

Assembly Bill (AB) 471 (Low, Chapter 372, Statutes of 2021), enacted in 2021, authorizes the Bureau, on or after July 1, 2023, to establish an informal citation appeal process for citations issued to ARDs for violations of the Act. The bill authorizes BAR to create a three–member panel appointed by the Bureau chief to conduct informal citation review conferences. The

panel must consist of three members, one representative from the Bureau, one from the public, and one from the automotive repair industry. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 9882 subdivision (a)(2)(A).)

Additionally, AB 471 authorizes the Bureau to create a remedial training program, and process for certifying providers of remedial training, for ARDs that receive a citation for a violation of the Act the Bureau defines as minor in nature. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 9884.7, subdivision (d)(2).) An ARD that successfully completes the remedial training will be able to prevent disclosure of the citation on the internet. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 9882, subdivision (a)(2)(B)(i).) This non-disclosure may be used once every 18 months. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 9882, subdivision (a)(2)(B)(ii).)

In this rulemaking proposal, the Bureau proposes to: (1) amend Article 11.1 and existing sections 3394.25, 3394.26, and 3394.27 of Article 11.1 of Division 33 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) and sections 3394.40, 3394.41, 3394.42, 3394.43, 3394.44, 3394.45, and 3394.46 of Article 11.2 of the CCR; and (2) adopt sections 3394.50, 3394.51, 3394.52, 3394.53, 3394.54, and 3394.55 in a new Article 11.3, and adopt sections 3395.7, 3395.8, 3395.9, and 3395.10 in a new Article 12.5 of Title 16 to the CCR, as follows:

- Article 11.1 and sections 3394.25, 3394.26, and 3394.27 (Article 11.1). Existing law provides for the issuance of citations for violations of the smog check inspection program. The Bureau will correct gendered pronouns and make clarifying changes to differentiate the smog check citation program in Article 11.1 from the unlicensed activity citation program, and the proposed ARD citation program.
- Sections 3394.40, 3394.41, 3394.42, 3394.43, 3394.44, 3394.45, and 3394.46 (Article 11.2). Existing law provides for the issuance of citations to those performing automotive repair for compensation without a valid ARD registration. The Bureau will correct gendered pronouns and make clarifying changes to differentiate the unlicensed activity citation program in Article 11.2 from the smog check citation program, and the proposed ARD citation program.
- The Bureau will create a new Article 11.3 to establish a citation program for Act violations by registrants.
- New section 3394.50 will establish the Bureau's authority to issue fines and orders of abatement for violations of the Act and establish the required contents of citations.
- New section 3394.51 will establish the factors the Bureau will consider when issuing a fine and the amount thereof if a fine is issued.

- New section 3394.52 will establish how registrants shall comply with citations and orders of abatement.
- New section 3394.53 will establish how registrants may contest citations and detail the process for requesting an informal citation review conference.
- New section 3394.54 will establish how the informal citation conference panel is appointed, the process for objecting to members of the panel, disqualification of panel members, and the informal citation review conference hearing process.
- New section 3394.55 will establish registrants' eligibility for nondisclosure of citations on the internet.
- The Bureau will create a new Article 12.5 to establish the remedial training program for cited registrants.
- New section 3395.7 will establish the required elements of the remedial training course required to prevent citation Internet disclosure for eligible registrants.
- New section 3395.8 will establish the application requirements to obtain Bureau certification to teach remedial training courses.
- New section 3395.9 will establish the general course requirements for courses taught by certified remedial training course providers.
- New section 3395.10 will establish the grounds for denial or revocation of certification of remedial training providers.

ANTICIPATED BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION

The Bureau's establishment of an ARD citation program for violations of the Act will enhance public protection of the by incentivizing good behavior by registrants. It will deter violations and educate violators of the act when registrants attend remedial training. The establishment of an informal citation conference review process will add a second layer of review for citations and will eliminate unnecessary administrative appeals.

The Bureau's establishment of a remedial training program will enhance public protection by incentivizing violators to obtain additional training on the Bureau's laws and regulations. The Bureau expects training to result in greater adherence to the Bureau's laws and regulations. To ensure the training is effective and beneficial, the Bureau will establish a training provider certification process to make sure that only those with the appropriate expertise offer remedial training.

CONSISTENCY AND COMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING STATE REGULATIONS

During the process of developing these regulations and amendments, BAR has conducted a search of any similar regulations on this topic and has concluded that these regulations are neither duplicative, nor inconsistent, nor incompatible with existing state regulations.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

The Bureau has made the following determinations: Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State:

The Bureau anticipates workload and costs related to the issuance citations and fines, as well as for certifying remedial training course providers. Total workload and costs are estimated at approximately \$848,000 per year and up to \$8.5 million over a tenyear period.

Citations and Fines: The Bureau estimates 1,200 citations and fines will be issued per year and anticipates workload costs of approximately \$400 per citation, which results in workload costs of approximately \$493,200 per year and up to \$4.9 million over a tenyear period.

Citation Extension: The Bureau estimates 25 ARDs issued a citation will seek an extension each year, which will result in workload and costs estimated at \$280 per extension request with total costs of \$7,000 per year and up to \$70,000 over a ten—year period.

Citation Appeals: The Bureau estimates 15 percent (or 180) of citations issued per year will be appealed, beginning with an informal conference held by the Informal Citation Review Conference Panel to affirm, modify, or dismiss the citation. However, because the citation (issuance) process includes multiple internal levels of review and approval, the Bureau does not anticipate significant numbers of modifications or dismissals of citations or fines.

Based on the Bureau's experience with its two other citation programs, the Bureau estimates 54 appealed cases will be referred onto the Attorney General and Office of Administration (AG/OAH) with 18 percent (32) of cases resulting in a stipulated settlement agreement and 12 percent (22) of cases resulting in a hearing default settlement. Appeals workload and costs are estimated at \$340,360 per year and up to \$3.4 million over a ten—year period.

Registration: The Bureau estimates 25 attorneys will apply for registration to provide remedial train-

ing courses with workload costs of \$289 per registration, which results in workload costs of approximately \$7,250 per year and up to \$72,250 over a ten—year period.

The Bureau notes, no registration fees are being assessed because current law does not authorize a fee to be charged. Any workload costs will be offset by penalty revenues and/or absorbed within existing resources.

Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None.

Local Mandate: None.

Cost to Any Local Agency or School District for Which Government Code Sections 17500–17630 Require Reimbursement: None.

Effect on Housing Costs: None.

Business Impact:

The Bureau has made an initial determination the proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including small businesses and the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. These proposed regulations establish a citation program for automotive repair dealers. Should a licensee or an employee of a licensee violate the laws and regulations of the Bureau that warrant a citation, the citation and fine issued is not sufficient to eliminate a particular job or ARD. The fine issued is avoidable if the licensee or employee of the licensee complies with the Bureau's rules and regulations.

Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or Business:

These proposed regulations establish a citation program for automotive repair dealers. Should a licensee or an employee of a licensee violate the laws and regulations of the Bureau that warrant a citation, the citation and fine issued is not sufficient to eliminate a particular job or ARD. The fine issued is avoidable, should the licensee or employee of the licensee comply with the rules and regulations of the Bureau.

It is paramount ARDs follow the appropriate repair procedures and business processes in accordance with the laws. The purpose of the proposed regulations is to ensure safe automotive repairs and promote best business practices for California consumers.

The Bureau estimates up to 1,200 citations will be issued to ARDs per year with an average fine amount of \$500, which would result in penalty payments of \$600,000 per year and up to \$6 million over a ten—year period.

The Bureau notes ARDs issued a citation will be required to pay the fine amount but may enroll in a remedial training program to mitigate public disclosure of that citation on the internet. The average cost to enroll and complete the remedial training is estimated at \$120 per training course.

The Bureau does not have an estimate of the number of ARDs being issued a citation (1,200), which may opt to complete remedial training, but anticipates some ARDs issued a citation will participate in remedial training. As a result, training costs are estimated to range from \$0 to \$144,000 per year and up to \$1.44 million over a ten—year period.

Business Reporting Requirements:

The regulatory action does not require businesses to file a report with the Board.

Effect on Housing Costs: None.

RESULTS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT/ANALYSIS

This regulatory proposal will have the following effects:

- Insofar as it creates a new remedial training program, it may create jobs for the those who become certified remedial training providers within the State of California. Insofar as it creates a citation program for ARDs, it is not anticipated that it will create jobs.
- Insofar as it creates a new remedial training program, it may create new businesses for the those who become certified remedial training providers within the State of California and establish businesses. Insofar as it creates a citation program for ARDs, it is not anticipated that it will create businesses.
- Insofar as it creates a new remedial training program, it may expand businesses for the those who become certified remedial training providers within the State of California and expand their businesses. Insofar as it creates a citation program for ARDs, it is not anticipated that it will expand businesses.
- This regulatory proposal will have a positive impact on the health and welfare of California citizens to the extent remedial training and the prospect of being cited for violations promotes safer automotive repairs, auto body repairs, and ethical behavior of ARDs and their workers.
- This regulatory proposal may have a positive impact on worker safety to the extent remedial training and the prospect of being cited for violations promotes safer automotive repairs, auto body repairs, and ethical behavior of ARDs and their workers.
- This regulatory proposal has no effect on the environment because it does not involve factors affecting the environment.

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

BAR has determined that the proposed regulatory action will not have an effect on small businesses as ARDs are already required to comply with the Bureau's laws and regulations. The fine issued is easily avoidable if the licensee or employee of the licensee complies with the Bureau's laws and regulations.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.5(a)(13), the Bureau must determine that no reasonable alternative that it considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Bureau would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which it was proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted regulation or would be more cost—effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

Any interested person may present statements orally or in writing relevant to the above determinations at any requested hearing.

AVAILABILITY OF STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE

The Bureau has compiled a record for this regulatory action, which includes the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR), proposed regulatory text, and all the information on which this proposal is based. This material is contained in the rulemaking file and is available for public inspection upon request to the contact persons named in this notice.

TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations, any document incorporated by reference, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained upon request from the Bureau of Automotive Repair at 10949 North Mather Boulevard, Rancho Cordova, California 95670.

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

After considering all timely and relevant comments, the Bureau, upon its own motion or at the request of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any

modified proposal, with the modifications clearly indicated, will be available for review and written comment for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this Notice as the Contact Person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written comments or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

AVAILABILITY AND LOCATION OF THE RULEMAKING FILE AND THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

All the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file, which is available for public inspection by contacting the person named above.

You may obtain a copy of the Final Statement of Reasons, once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named above, or by accessing the website listed below.

CONTACT PERSON

Inquiries or comments concerning the proposed administrative action may be addressed to:

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The backup contact person is:

Mathew Gibson Bureau of Automotive Repair 10949 North Mather Blvd. Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 Telephone: (916) 403–8060

E-mail: Mathew.Gibson@dca.ca.gov

WEBSITE ACCESS

Materials regarding this proposal can also be found on BAR's Website at https://www.bar.ca.gov/About_BAR/Regulatory_Actions.aspx.

TITLE 22/MPP. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

AB 819 REGULATIONS PACKAGE FOR SMALL FAMILY HOMES AND GROUP HOMES

California Department of Social Services (CDSS) hereby gives notice of the proposed regulatory action described below. Any person interested may present statements or arguments relating to the proposed regulations in writing, e-mail, or by facsimile to the address, e-mail address, or numbers listed below. All comments must be received by November 21, 2022.

Following the close of the public notice, CDSS may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify the proposals if the modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. Except for nonsubstantive, technical, or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption to all persons who submit written comments during the public comment period and all persons who request notification on this proposal. Please address requests for regulations as modified to the agency contact identified below.

Copies of the express terms of the proposed regulations and the Initial Statement of Reasons are available from the office listed below. This notice, the Initial Statement of Reasons and the text of the proposed regulations are available on CDSS' public hearing page (http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Letters-Regulations/Legislation-and-Regulations/CDSS-Regulation-Changes-In-Process-and-Completed-Regulations/Public-Hearing-Information). Additionally, all the information which CDSS considered as the basis for these proposed regulations (i.e., rulemaking file) is available for public reading at the address listed below. Following the public notice period, copies of the Final Statement of Reasons will also be available at the following address:

CONTACT:

California Department of Social Services Office of Regulations Development 744 P Street, MS 8–4–192 Sacramento, CA 95814

Telephone: (916) 657-2586, Fax: (916) 654-3286

Email: ord@dss.ca.gov

Contact Person: Tyler Penn (916) 657–2586 Backup: Oliver Chu (916) 657–2586

CDSS has not scheduled a public hearing on this proposed action. However, CDSS will hold a public hearing if it receives a written request for a public

hearing from any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, no later than 15 days before the close of the written comment period. Any request should be made to the contact information provided above.

CHAPTERS

Title 22, Division 6, Chapter (Small Family Homes) Title 22, Division 6, Chapter 5 (Group Homes)

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

- (a) Assembly Bill 819 (Chapter 777, Statutes of 2019) amended section 1507.25 of the Health and Safety Code (HSC), authorizing specified staff members to administer injections and/or provide assistance with self-administration to a foster child in placement. This change authorized more individuals to be able to assist or administer injections, including insulin, as well as glucose monitoring, to children in placement reducing a need for medical staff
- (b) Due to the changes implemented to HSC section 1507.25, the California Department of Social Services ("CDSS or the "Department"), Children's Residential Program began developing this regulation package that adds new sections to the Small Family Homes and Group Homes regulations, bringing them in line with the requirements in HSC section 1507.25.
- (c) Regulations similar to these already exist in California Code of Regulation (CCR), Title 22, Division 6, Chapter 9.5, Section 89475.1 Emergency Medical Assistance, Injections, and Self–Administration of Medications (for Foster Family Homes) in 2010. The proposed regulations apply to Small Family Homes and Group Homes and closely mirror existing regulation language.
- (d) CCR, Title 22, Section 80075, currently notes that "(f)acility staff, except those authorized by law, shall not administer injections but staff designated by the licensee shall be authorized to assist clients with self-administration of injections as needed." These proposed regulations provide the following: (1) they further clarify the individuals that are authorized by law to provide emergency medical assistance injections and self-administration of medications; (2) the regulations outline the requirements for those individuals to be able to assist (e.g., training); and (3) the regulations provide updated definitions that meet statutory guidelines and provide reference for stakeholders.

- (e) The broad objective of these regulations is to outline who may administer injection medications to dependent children or assist children in self–administering injection medications.
- (f) Benefits of the proposed regulations include providing clarity for caregivers and increased safety through training requirements. The proposed regulations will improve caregivers' ability to protect the health and safety of children receiving their services and assist children in their development of life skills.
- (g) After conducting a review for any related regulations, the Department has determined that these are the only regulations concerning Small Family Homes and Group Homes. Therefore, the proposed regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations.

COST ESTIMATE

- (a) Costs or Savings to State Agencies: No Fiscal Impact.
- (b) Costs to Local Agencies or School Districts Which Must Be Reimbursed in Accordance with Government Code Sections 17500–17630: No Fiscal Impact.
- (c) Nondiscretionary Costs or Savings to Local Agencies: No Fiscal Impact.
- (d) Federal Funding to State Agencies: No Fiscal Impact.

LOCAL MANDATE STATEMENT

These regulations do not impose a mandate on local agencies and there are no state—mandated local costs in these regulations that would require state reimbursement under Section 17500 et seq. of the Government Code.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESS

The Department has made an initial determination that the proposed action will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. These regulations largely put existing statute into practice. CDSS is in regular contact with impacted facilities and has made an initial determination that the proposed action will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. Licensees will have to arrange and pay for staff training regard-

ing HSC section 1507.25; however, training has been necessary since the statute took effect in 2010 and, therefore, does not necessitate any new costs.

STATEMENT OF POTENTIAL COST IMPACT ON PRIVATE PERSONS OR BUSINESSES

The Department has determined that there is no impact on businesses or private persons. While businesses will be required to provide for staff training, this training has been necessary since the statute took effect in 2010 and, therefore, does not necessitate any new costs. The Department is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person would incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

The Department has determined that there is no impact on small businesses. While small businesses will be required to provide for staff training, this training has been necessary since the statute took effect in 2010 and, therefore, does not necessitate any new costs.

STATEMENT OF RESULTS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- (a) The proposed regulations add, remove, and clarify components to existing regulations of Small Family Homes and Group Homes as a result of changes in statutory requirements and as otherwise identified by CDSS and stakeholders as deemed necessary and/or as requiring change for clarity, consistency, or to ensure the health and safety of the youth these licensees serve. For these reasons, CDSS does not anticipate that the proposed regulations will have an impact on the creation or elimination of jobs in California.
- (b) The proposed regulations add, remove, and clarify components to existing regulations of Small Family Homes and Group Homes as a result of changes in statutory requirements and as otherwise identified by CDSS and stakeholders as deemed necessary and/or as requiring change for clarity, consistency, or to ensure the health and safety of the youth these licensees serve. For these reasons, CDSS does not anticipate that the proposed regulations will create new, or eliminate current, businesses within California.
- (c) The proposed regulations add, remove, and clarify components to existing regulations of Small Family Homes and Group Homes as a result of changes in statutory requirements and as otherwise identified by CDSS and stakeholders as deemed necessary and/or as requiring change

- for clarity, consistency, or to ensure the health and safety of the youth these licensees serve. For these reasons, CDSS does not anticipate that the proposed regulations will lead to the expansion of businesses within California.
- (d) The benefits of the regulatory action to the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state's environment are as follows:

The regulations as proposed and amended will provide clarity to providers offering services to in–need communities, improving their ability to protect the health and safety of children receiving their services, and assisting in their development of life skills. Clarifying personnel requirements may yield minor, indirect benefits to worker safety such as safe needle handling.

There are no anticipated effects to the state's environment.

STATEMENT OF EFFECT ON HOUSING COSTS

The proposed regulatory action will have no effect on housing costs.

STATEMENT OF ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

CDSS must determine that no reasonable alternative considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of CDSS would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulations are proposed or would be as effective as and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost–effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of law.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE CITATIONS

The CDSS adopts these regulations under the authority granted in Sections 1530 and 1507.25 of the Health and Safety Code.

SUMMARY OF REGULATORY ACTIONS

REGULATIONS FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE

This Summary of Regulatory Actions lists regulations filed with the Secretary of State on the dates indicated. Copies of the regulations may be obtained by

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contacting the agency or from the Secretary of State, Archives, 1020 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 653–7715. Please have the agency name and the date filed (see below) when making a request.

Education Audit Appeals Panel File # 2022–0811–03 Supplement to Audits of K–12 LEAs — FY 2021–22

This certificate of compliance action makes permanent the regulatory changes made in emergency rulemaking action Number 2022–0223–02E, which incorporated the March supplement to the "Guide for Annual Audits of K–12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting" for the 2021–2022 fiscal year.

Title 05 Amend: 19810 Filed 09/22/2022 Effective 09/22/2022

Agency Contact: Mary Kelly (916) 445–7745

California School Finance Authority File # 2022–0915–01

Charter Access to Bank Loan Enhancement Program

In this readopt of OAL Matter Number 2022–0310–04E, the California School Finance Authority is establishing a program to utilize a grant award under the U.S. Department of Education's Credit Enhancement for Charter Schools Facilities Program for the financing of acquisition, renovation, or construction of charter school facilities, or the refinancing of existing charter school facility debt. This action establishes relevant definitions, eligibility criteria, award allocation, and eligible uses of funds, as well as an application and fee.

Title 04 Adopt: 10200.8, 10200.9, 10200.10, 10200.11, 10200.12, 10200.13, 10200.14, 10200.15

Filed 09/21/2022 Effective 09/21/2022

Agency Contact: Ryan Storey (213) 620–6360

Fish and Game Commission
File # 2022–0922–03
Recreational Sub–Bag Limits for Vermilion, Copper
& Quillback Rockfish

This emergency action readopts, for a second time, and without change, emergency adjustments to the sub-bag limits for quillback, copper, and vermilion rockfish in the recreational groundfish fishery (zero to three miles offshore) for 2022 so as to be consistent with Pacific Fishery Management Council regulations published in the Federal Register on January 6, 2022, for these species in waters between three and 200 miles offshore.

Title 14 Amend: 28.55 Filed 09/28/2022 Effective 10/05/2022 Agency Contact: Sherrie Fonbuena

(916) 902–9284

State Water Resources Control Board
File # 2022–0912–02
Emergency Action to Protect Threatened Species,
Mill and Deer Creeks

In this readopt of OAL Matter Number 2021–0924–01E, the State Water Resources Control Board (the "Board") is readopting emergency curtailment and reporting regulations for Mill and Deer Creeks. The emergency regulations (1) establish emergency drought minimum flow requirements to protect threatened Central Valley spring—run Chinook salmon and threatened California Central Valley steelhead; (2) ensure continued access to water supplies for minimum health and safety needs; (3) permit local cooperative solutions in place of specified Board—issued curtailment orders; (4) prohibit inefficient domestic lawn watering practices; and (5) require curtailment order reporting.

Title 23 Adopt: 876.5, 876.7, 878.4 Filed 09/21/2022 Effective 09/21/2022

Agency Contact: David Rose (916) 341–5196

Board of Equalization File # 2022–0907–01 Conflict–of–Interest Code

This is a Conflict—of—Interest code that has been approved by the Fair Political Commission and is being submitted for filing with the Secretary of State and printing.

Title 18 Amend: 6001 Filed 09/28/2022 Effective 09/28/2022

Agency Contact: Honey Her (916) 274–3523

California Prison Industry Authority File # 2022–0902–04 Conflict–of–Interest Code

This is a Conflict—of—Interest code that has been approved by the Fair Political Commission and is being submitted for filing with the Secretary of State and Printing.

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Title 15 Amend: 8299 Filed 09/21/2022 Effective 10/21/2022

Agency Contact: Moira Doherty (916) 413–1140

Department of Child Support Services File # 2022–0909–02 Conflict–of–Interest Code

This is a conflict—of—interest code that has been approved by the Fair Political Commission and is being submitted for filing with the Secretary of State and printing.

Title 22

Amend: 123000 Filed 09/28/2022 Effective 10/28/2022

Agency Contact: Katya White (916) 464–1743

Department of Justice File # 2022–0809–01 Firearm Precursor Part Definitions & Guidebook

This action by the Department of Justice, submitted to OAL for courtesy filing with the Secretary of State and for printing in the California Code of Regulations, defines the term "federally regulated firearm precursor part." This action is exempt from the Administrative Procedure Act and takes effect upon filing with the Secretary of State under sections 39 and 41 of Assembly Bill 1621 (Stats. 2022, chapter 76).

Title 11 Adopt: 4303 Filed 09/21/2022 Effective 09/21/2022 Agency Contact: Marlon Martinez

 $(213)\ 269-6437$

Board of Accountancy File # 2022–0816–01 Peer Review

In this change without regulatory effect, the Board amends the Peer Review Reporting Form, a document incorporated by reference, to remove a repetitive title that became unnecessary after the form became a one–page document.

Title 16 Amend: 43, 45

Filed 09/26/2022

Agency Contact: Sarah Benedict (916) 809–4028

Court Reporters Board of California File # 2022–0811–02 Fee Schedule

In this rulemaking action, the Board amends its regulation to add an annual registration fee of \$500 for business entities pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 8051.

Title 16 Amend: 2450 Filed 09/23/2022 Effective 01/01/2023

Agency Contact: Yvonne Fenner (916) 263–4081

Department of Motor Vehicles File # 2022–0811–04 Reduced or No Fee Identification Cards

This action by the Department of Motor Vehicles amends regulations concerning reduced or no fee identification cards to remove the requirement that a verification form be presented in person as an original.

Title 13

Amend: 15.07, 15.08 Filed 09/22/2022 Effective 01/01/2023

Agency Contact: Tracy Brazil (916) 657–8919

Office of Spill Prevention and Response File # 2022–0815–01 Drills and Exercises Harmonization

This action consolidates the similar oil spill contingency plan marine drills and exercises regulation and the inland drills and exercises regulation into one regulation and, in the process, seeks to make the requirements and the related forms clearer and consistent and to integrate lessons learned from the Office of Spill Prevention and Response's evaluation of these drills and exercises over the years.

Title 14 Adopt: 820.1

Amend: 815.01, 817.02, 817.03, 817.04, 818.02,

818.03, 819.03, 827.02, 830.6 Repeal: 820.01, 820.02 Filed 09/26/2022 Effective 01/01/2023

Agency Contact: Christine Kluge (916) 327–0910

Board of Accountancy File # 2022–0902–01

Definition of Satisfactory Evidence — Transcripts

This action amends the means by which applicants submit certified college transcripts to the Board.

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Title 16 Amend: 2.8 Filed 09/26/2022 Effective 01/01/2023

Agency Contact: Deanne Pearce (916) 651–1740

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