

TITLE 13. NEW MOTOR VEHICLE BOARD

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Motor Vehicle Board of the State of California ("Board"), pursuant to the authority vested in it by section 3050, subdivision (a) of the Vehicle Code, proposes to amend sections 551.11, and 551.12, and add section 550.20 of Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations in order to define terms and modify procedural matters before the Board.

PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION

The Board proposes to amend sections 551.11, and 551.12, and add section 550.20 after consideration of all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed action.

PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS PRIOR TO NOTICE

Prior to the publication of this notice, the Board considered the proposed text of the regulations at a noticed meeting held on January 26, 2006. Ten days prior to the meeting, a detailed agenda including the consideration of the proposed text of the regulations was mailed to the Board's Public Mailing List, a list of approximately 150 individuals, entities and governmental agencies who have requested notification by the Board of pending Board matters. No comments by the public were received at the January 26, 2006, General Meeting, and no further public discussions were held prior to publication of the notice.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing is not scheduled, however, a public hearing will be held if any interested person, or his or her duly authorized representative, submits a written request for a public hearing to the Board no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any person interested may present statements or arguments in writing via U.S. Postal Service mail, facsimile or electronic mail, relevant to the proposed amendments to the agency officer named below at the address identified below on or before 5:00 p.m. on April 10, 2006. The Board will consider only comments received at the Board offices by that time. Submit comments to:

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The official record of the rulemaking procedure will be closed at 5:00 p.m. following the conclusion of the public comment period on April 10, 2006. Written comments received after 5:00 p.m. on April 10, 2006, will not be considered unless an extension of time in which to receive written comments is announced at a public hearing, if one is requested.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Authority cited: Authority cited: Section 3050(a), Vehicle Code. Reference: Section 17, Civil Code, Sections 3050.4, and 3066, Vehicle Code.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Vehicle Code section 3050, subdivision (a) authorizes the Board to adopt rules and regulations governing such matters as are specifically committed to it.

It is the mission and vision of the Board, as adopted by its members, to: resolve disputes in the new motor vehicle industry in an efficient, fair and cost-effective manner; safeguard for the Board's constituency, a fair, expeditious and efficient forum for resolving new motor vehicle industry disputes which ultimately improves relations and reduces the need for costly litigation; and, develop methods that further improve the delivery of Board services in a timely and cost-effective manner.

The Board proposes to amend sections 550, 551.11, and 551.12, and add section 550.20 of the regulations contained in Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations in order to define terms and modify procedural matters before the Board.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

The Board has made the following determinations:

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

The Board has determined that the proposed amendments will have no effect on small businesses. This determination was made because no small businesses are legally required to comply with the regulation, are legally required to enforce the regulation, or derive a benefit from or incur an obligation from the enforcement of the

regulation.

LOCAL MANDATE

The proposed regulatory action does not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed regulatory action imposes (1) no cost or savings to any state agency; (2) no cost to any local agency or school district that is required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code; (3) no other non discretionary cost or savings to local agencies; and (4) no costs or savings in federal funding to the state.

EFFECT ON BUSINESSES

The Board has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. No studies or data were relied upon in making this determination.

POTENTIAL COST IMPACT ON PRIVATE PERSONS OR BUSINESSES

There will be no cost impact of the proposed regulatory action on directly affected private persons. The Board expects no cost impact on directly affected businesses. The Board is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

ASSESSMENT REGARDING THE EFFECT ON JOBS/BUSINESSES

The adoption of this regulation will neither create nor eliminate jobs or businesses in the State of California, will not result in the elimination of existing businesses, and will neither reduce nor expand businesses currently doing business in the State of California.

EFFECT ON HOUSING COSTS

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

EFFECT ON FEDERAL LAW

The proposed regulatory action will not duplicate or conflict with any federal law.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.5, subdivision (a)(13), the Board must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered, or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Board, 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.

At the January 26, 2006, General meeting, wherein the Board preliminarily adopted the proposed regulatory text, no other alternatives were considered. However, the submission of written and oral comments was invited. If any written or oral comments were received, the full Board would consider the comments and reconsider the text of the proposed rulemaking. Lastly, if the staff decided that modifications to the proposed text were necessary, the Board would consider those modifications at a noticed meeting. If there were no written or oral comments received, then the rulemaking process will proceed without further Board involvement.

CONTACT PERSON/BACKUP CONTACT PERSON

Please direct inquiries concerning the substance of the proposed action, requests for copies of the proposed text (the “express terms”) of the regulation, the initial statement of reasons, the modified text of the regulations, if any, or other information upon which the rulemaking is based to:

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In the event the Contact Person is not available, inquiries concerning the substance of the proposed action, requests for copies of the proposed text (the “express terms”) of the regulation, the initial statement of reasons, the modified text of the regulations, if any, or other information upon which the rulemaking is based may be directed to the following Backup Contact Person:

Robin Parker, Senior Staff Counsel
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AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION VIA THE INTERNET

Information regarding the proposed amendments may be obtained from the

Board's website: www.nmvb.ca.gov.

STATEMENT OF REASONS AND TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

The Board has prepared an initial statement of reasons for the proposed action, and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based. The express terms of the proposed action are written in plain English and are available from the contact person named in this notice. The contact person identified in this notice shall make available to the public upon request the express terms of the proposed action using underline to indicate additions, and strikeout to indicate deletions from, the California Code of Regulations. The contact person identified in this notice shall also make available to the public upon request the initial statement of reasons and the location of public records, including reports, documentation, and other materials, related to the proposed action.

AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED TEXT

Following the written comment period and public hearing, the Board may adopt the proposed regulation substantially as described in this notice. If modifications are made which are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, the full, modified text with changes clearly indicated shall be made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date on which the Board adopts the resulting regulation. Requests for copies of a modified regulation should be addressed to the Board contact person identified in this notice. The Board will accept written comments on the modified regulation for 15 days after the date on which it is first made available to the public.

AVAILABILITY OF FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Requests for copies of the final statement of reasons may be directed to the Contact Person or the Backup Contact Person listed in this notice, or may be obtained from the Board's website: www.nmvb.ca.gov, or emailing the Board at nmvb@pacbell.net.

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