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[AB 142](#) **(Garcia, Cristina D) Lead-acid batteries.**

**Introduced:** 12/13/2018

**Last Amend:** 2/25/2019

**Summary:** The Lead-Acid Battery Recycling Act of 2016 requires, until March 31, 2022, a manufacturer battery fee of \$1 to be imposed on a manufacturer of lead-acid batteries for each lead-acid battery it sells at retail to a person in California, or that it sells to a dealer, wholesaler, distributor, or other person for retail sale in California. The act requires the manufacturer battery fee to be paid to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration and requires dealers and manufacturers of lead-acid batteries to register with the department. The act defines "manufacturer" for these purposes. This bill would, on and after April 1, 2022, increase the amount of the manufacturer battery fee to \$2 and would provide that the fee would continue indefinitely.

**Position**

OPPOSE

UNLESS

AMENDED

[AB 161](#) **(Ting D) Solid waste: paper waste: electronic proofs of purchase.**

**Introduced:** 1/7/2019

**Last Amend:** 4/30/2019

**Summary:** Current law prohibits certain stores from providing a single-use carryout bag to a customer at the point of sale and prohibits full-service restaurants from providing single-use plastic straws to consumers unless requested by the consumer. This bill, on and after January 1, 2022, would require a proof of purchase to be provided to a consumer by a business only at the consumer's option and would prohibit a business from printing a paper proof of purchase if the consumer refuses to receive a proof of purchase, unless otherwise required by state or federal law.

**Position**

OPPOSE

[AB 170](#) **(Gonzalez D) Employment: sexual harassment: liability.**

**Introduced:** 1/8/2019

**Last Amend:** 4/1/2019

**Summary:** Would require a client employer to share with a labor contractor all civil legal responsibility and civil liability for harassment for all workers supplied by that labor contractor. The bill would define the terms "client employer" and "labor contractor" for purposes of these provisions.

**Position**

OPPOSE

[AB 814](#) **(Chau D) Vehicles: unlawful access to computer systems.**

**Introduced:** 2/20/2019

**Last Amend:** 4/2/2019

**Summary:** Current law prohibits tampering with a vehicle or removing any parts from a vehicle without the consent of the owner. A violation of this prohibition is a crime. Current law also prohibits unlawfully accessing a computer system for specified purposes. A violation of this prohibition is a crime. This bill would clarify that, for purposes of the prohibition against unlawfully accessing a computer system, a computer system includes devices or systems that are located within, connected to, or integrated with, a motor vehicle.

**Position**

WATCH

**AB 949 (Medina D) Unsafe used tires: installation.**

**Introduced:** 2/20/2019

**Last Amend:** 4/22/2019

**Summary:** Would prohibit an automotive repair dealer from installing an unsafe used tire, as specified, on a motor vehicle for use on a highway. The bill, except as specified, would require an automotive repair dealer to use a visual inspection to determine whether a tire meets the criteria of an unsafe used tire. The bill would exempt from its provisions certain activities relating to tires. Because a violation of these provisions by an automotive repair dealer would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

**Position**

SUPPORT

**AB 1146 (Berman D) California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018: exemptions: vehicle information.**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2019

**Last Amend:** 4/30/2019

**Summary:** Would except from the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 vehicle information shared between a new motor vehicle dealer and the vehicle's manufacturer, if the information is retained or shared pursuant to, or in anticipation of, a vehicle repair relating to warranty work or a recall, as specified. The bill would define terms for that purpose.

**Position**

WATCH

**SB 1 (Atkins D) California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2019.**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Last Amend:** 4/11/2019

**Summary:** Current state law regulates the discharge of air pollutants into the atmosphere. The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act regulates the discharge of pollutants into the waters of the state. The California Safe Drinking Water Act establishes standards for drinking water and regulates drinking water systems. The California Endangered Species Act requires the Fish and Game Commission to establish a list of endangered species and a list of threatened species, and generally prohibits the taking of those species. This bill would require specified agencies to take prescribed actions regarding certain federal requirements and standards pertaining to air, water, and

protected species, as specified.

**Position**

OPPOSE

**SB 135 (Jackson D) Paid family leave.**

**Introduced:** 1/15/2019

**Last Amend:** 3/25/2019

**Summary:** Current law prohibits an employer with 50 or more employees in a 75-mile radius to refuse to grant an employee a request to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for family care and medical leave if the employee worked 1,250 hours in the prior 12 months. Current law includes within "family care and medical leave" the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of a child and the serious health condition of the employee's child, parent, or spouse. This bill would expand the scope of those provisions to instead prohibit an employer with 5 or more employees to refuse to grant an employee a request to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for family care and medical leave if the employee had 180 days of service with the employer.

**Position**

OPPOSE

**SB 142 (Wiener D) Employees: lactation accommodation.**

**Introduced:** 1/18/2019

**Last Amend:** 4/30/2019

**Summary:** Would require the California Building Standards Commission to develop and propose for adoption building standards for the installation of lactation space for employees using the Lactation in the Workplace Ordinance adopted in the San Francisco Police Code as the starting point and amending those standards as necessary.

**Position**

OPPOSE

**SB 460 (Beall D) Vehicles: biennial registration.**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2019

**Summary:** Current law generally establishes an annual registration period for vehicles and imposes annual registration fees on vehicles. This bill would authorize the Director of Motor Vehicles, on or after January 1, 2020, to establish a biennial registration period for a vehicle, with subsequent renewals being required at biennial intervals thereafter, as specified.

**Position**

WATCH