

**DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC COORDINATOR  
TRANSIT SERVICES BUREAU**

**NOTICE**  
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February 7, 2024

**TO:** All Department Personnel

**FROM:** Department Traffic Coordinator, Transit Services Bureau

**SUBJECT:** CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 925: VEHICLE REMOVAL – EXPIRED REGISTRATION

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Notice is to inform Department personnel of a statutory change to Section 22651(o)(1)(A)(ii) of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) regarding the impoundment of vehicles displaying expired registration tags that requires an officer to verify via California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) records whether the vehicle has a current registration prior to impounding the vehicle. If the officer determines that a current registration is on file with the DMV or if the officer does not have immediate access to the DMV records to verify a current registration, the vehicle shall not be impounded.

**BACKGROUND**

The California State Legislature recognizes that registration plate sticker theft is a problem statewide. A registered owner's vehicle is often cited for expired registration and impounded when the registration stickers had been stolen by others, even after a registered owner has paid the DMV the annual registration fees. This causes a hardship for many community members. California Assembly Bill (AB) 925 has amended CVC Section 22651(o)(1)(A)(ii), which mandates that DMV records are immediately queried for current registration before towing a vehicle for expired registration.

**PROCEDURES**

Effective January 1, 2024, California AB 925 prohibits a vehicle from being removed if it has a current registration on file with the DMV or if law enforcement personnel do not have immediate access to query DMV records to determine if the vehicle has current registration.

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If you have any questions, contact Traffic Coordination Section, Traffic Group, at (213) 486-0690.



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