

**DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC COORDINATOR
TRANSIT SERVICES BUREAU**

NOTICE

June 17, 2024

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TO: All Department Personnel

FROM: Department Traffic Coordinator, Transit Services Bureau

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 256 VEHICLES – REGISTRATION

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Notice is to advise personnel regarding new legislation that will change the language of California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 4000, “Unregistered Vehicle,” and Section 5204, “Display of Vehicle Registration Tabs,” to restrict the enforcement of the violations of these sections.

BACKGROUND

Existing law requires a vehicle to display the vehicle registration month and year on the rear license plate. The California Department of Motor Vehicle tabs are intended to indicate the month and year that a vehicle’s registration will expire. Under existing law, a vehicle not displaying valid registration is subject to being stopped by law enforcement.

PROCEDURES

Effective July 1, 2024, California Assembly Bill 256 will revise CVC Sections 4000 and 5204 to prohibit officers from conducting traffic enforcement stops on vehicles solely for a violation of these sections when the registration has been expired for less than two months. If it is discovered that a motorist who is stopped for another violation or other legal reason is in violation of CVC Sections 4000(a) or 5204, they can be issued a correctable citation, even if less than two months have passed beyond the expiration date. As a reminder, officers shall articulate the lawful reason(s) for traffic stops to the violator and advise them of the nexus to public safety.

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



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