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MEMO TO: California Bus Association

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RE: Legislative Update: Week of June 13, 2011

2011 Legislation

AB 45 (Hill-D) Charter-party carriers of passengers: alcoholic beverages: open containers.

(A-3/29/2010) **Sponsor: Author Staff: Graceila Castillo (916) 319-2019**

Summary: This is the charter-party carrier bill that makes the driver the “police” for alcohol for underage persons that we have been trying to amend in order to remove CBA opposition. The June 14th amendments did nothing to improve this bill and, in fact, made it more confusing. Specifically, the bill would expand the application of those alcoholic beverage provisions that currently apply to limousines concerning passengers under 21 years of age by applying those requirements to the driver of any vehicle providing charter bus transportation for hire operated by a permitted or certificated carrier when the driver knows, or has reasonable reason to believe, that alcoholic beverages will be transported on the bus and accessible to passengers. The bill would also authorize a driver that terminates a contract of hire because of a minor's consumption of alcohol, rather than dropping off the offending passengers and their party at the point of origin of the ride, to drop the offending passengers and their party off at the customer's home, nearest police station, or any other point mutually agreed to by both parties, as long as the conditions are safe for the driver. The bill would subject the driver providing charter bus transportation to existing open container prohibitions and make the 3rd or subsequent violation of a specified open container prohibition by a driver of any vehicle used in the transportation of passengers for hire operating under a valid certificate or permit a misdemeanor.

STATUS: Senate Utilities, Commerce and Communications on June 21st.

CBA Position: OPPOSE

AB 135 (Hagman-R) Air Resources Board: Membership: small business owner (A-4/25/11)

Sponsor: National Federation of Independent Businesses Staff: Lauren Dominguez (916) 319-2060

Summary: This bill, until January 1, 2017, would require one appointed member of the state board to be a current owner of a small business.

STATUS: Senate Environmental Quality on June 20th.

CBA Position: Support (taken at February 11th Board meeting)

AB 325 (Lowenthal-D) Employee's right to bereavement leave. (A-6/14/11) Sponsor: CA Employment Lawyers' Association Staff: Dominic Bulone (916) 319-2054

Summary: Existing law provides employees with the right to take time off work without discharge or discrimination for a number of reasons. This bill would add the right to inquire about, request, and take time off for bereavement leave. The provisions of the bill would not apply to an employee who is covered by a valid collective bargaining agreement that provides for bereavement leave and other specified working conditions.

STATUS: Senate Appropriations on June 27th.

AB 462 (Lowenthal-D) Air pollution: vehicular pollution. (A-6/7/11) Sponsor: South Coast Air Quality Management District Staff: Dominic Bulone ((16) 319-2054

Summary: Existing law authorizes specified air pollution control districts and air quality management districts, until January 1, 2015, to establish a fee of up to \$6 on the registration of motor vehicles registered in the district. Existing law requires the revenues from the first \$4 of the fee to be used for specified purposes. Existing law requires that the revenues from the last \$2 of the fee be used for specified programs that the district determines remediate air pollution harms created by motor vehicles. This bill would additionally authorize a district based on that determination to use the last \$2 of the fee for programs to replace onboard natural gas tanks on school buses owned by a school district that are 14 years or older, with a funding amount not to exceed \$20,000 per bus and to enhance deteriorating natural gas fueling dispensers of fueling infrastructure operated by a school district, with a one-time funding amount not to exceed \$500 per dispenser.

STATUS: Senate Environmental Quality on June 27th.

AB 470 (Halderman-R) Air pollution districts: fees: school bus retrofits (A-6/7/11)

Sponsor: Author Staff: Maggie Winn (916) 319-2029

Summary: Existing law authorizes specified air pollution control and air quality management districts to adopt a fee applicable to motor vehicles registered in counties within that district, and requires the fee to be collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Existing law, until January 1, 2015, authorizes the amount of the fee to be up to \$6. Existing law requires the revenues from the first \$4 of the fee to be used for specified purposes. Existing law requires that the revenues from the last \$2 of the fee to be used for specified programs that the district determines remediate air pollution harms created by motor vehicles, including purchases of new school buses pursuant to the State Air Resources Board's Lower-Emission School Bus Program. This bill would additionally authorize a district based on that determination to use the last \$2 of the fee to retrofit emissions control equipment for existing school buses pursuant to the State Air Resources Board's Lower-Emission School Bus Program.

STATUS: Senate Environmental Quality on June 27th.

AB 807 (Solorio-D) Vehicles: taxicab transportation services: periodic reports (A-6/7/11)

Sponsor: Orange Co. Transportation Authority Staff: Alejandro Huerta (916) 319-2069

Summary: This bill would also require that the prospective employer or employer of a driver of a taxicab engaged in transportation services, as described, to present these reports upon request, during regular business hours, to an authorized representative of the administrative agency responsible for issuing permits to taxicab transportation services, as specified. Since a violation of this requirement would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

STATUS: Senate Appropriations on June 27th.

SENATE BILLS

SB 211 (Emmerson-R) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: tire inflation

regulation: enforcement (A-6/16/11) Sponsor: Author Staff: Teresa Trujillo (916) 651-4037

Summary: Pursuant to the Global Warming Act, the state Air Resources Board adopted a regulation requiring automobile service providers, by September 1, 2010, among other things, to check and inflate vehicle tires to the recommended pressure rating when performing automobile maintenance or repair services. This bill, until January 1, 2017, would authorize a tire pressure

gauge used to meet the requirements of this regulation to be accurate within a range of plus or minus 2 pounds per square inch of pressure (2 psi). The bill, until January 1, 2017, would authorize automotive service providers to meet the requirements of the regulation without checking and inflating a vehicle's tire if that tire is determined to be an unsafe tire, as defined. The bill would limit penalties for a violation of the requirements of the regulation to a civil penalty of not more than \$20 for the first offense and not more than \$50 for each subsequent offense. The bill would prohibit the imposition of a civil or criminal penalty upon a customer of an automobile service provider for a violation of the requirements of the regulation.

STATUS: Assembly Natural Resources on June 27th

SB 389 (Dutton-R) Employment: meal periods. (A-5/4/11)

Sponsor: Author Staff: Anissa Nachman (916) 651-4031

Summary: This bill would provide that the maximum compensation an employee may receive for the employer's failure to provide a meal or rest period in a workday is one additional hour of pay. This bill would also provide that the payment of that additional one hour of pay per workday in which the employer failed to provide a meal period or a rest period would constitute compliance with any requirement to provide an employee with a meal period or rest period and is the exclusive remedy for that failure to provide a meal period or rest period and would no longer constitute a misdemeanor. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

STATUS: Senate Labor & Industrial Relations; no date.

SB 570 (Rubio-D) San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (SJVUAPCD): high polluter vehicles: school buses (A-4/25/11) Sponsor: SUVUAPCD Staff: Jessica Golly (916) 651-4016

Summary: Existing law, until January 1, 2013, requires the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (district) to develop and administer, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board, a voluntary program to remove high polluter vehicles within the district by exchanging high polluter vehicles in the district for donated vehicles, as provided. This bill would repeal these provisions, and instead require the district to administer, until January 1, 2014, a voluntary program to replace or retrofit high emitting school buses in the San Joaquin Valley. By imposing duties on a local air district, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

STATUS: Assembly Transportation on June 20th.

SB 724 (Dutton-R) ARB: penalties: mobile source certification.

Summary: This bill would require an application for certification of a new, a carryover, or a partial carryover on-road or off-road vehicle, engine, or equipment family to be approved or disapproved pursuant to specified requirements. The bill would authorize the state board to approve an application for certification of a new, a carryover, or a partial carryover on-road or off-road vehicle, engine, or equipment family for any model year that has been certified by the federal Environmental Protection Agency without requiring the applicant to submit to additional testing prior to certification, if specified requirements are met.

STATUS: Assembly Transportation on June 20th.

The Two-Year Bill list follows on pages 4 and 5. As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need additional information at (916) 447-8982 or pane@cwo.com.

TWO-YEAR BILLS

AB 128 (Logue-R) Air Resources Board: Alternative actions to assessing penalties

(I-1-11-11) Sponsor: author Staff: David Kruckenberg (916) 319-2003

Summary: This bill would authorize the state board, in lieu of assessing penalties for a violation of an air pollution control law administered by the state board, to require a person who has violated that law to spend an amount equivalent to the amount that would have been assessed for the violation toward actions to comply with the air pollution control law that was violated or toward a supplemental environmental project.

STATUS: Assembly Natural Resources; now a Two-Year Bill.

CBA Position: Support (taken at February 11th Board meeting)

AB 537 (Williams)-D Vehicles: commercial vehicles: weight restriction: State Route 154.

(A-4/12/11) Sponsor: Santa Barbara CAG Staff: Erin Baum (916) 319-2035

Summary: This bill would prohibit, with specified exemptions, the operation of a commercial vehicle with 3 or more axles, or a gross vehicle weight or a combined gross weight of 9,000 pounds or more on the segment of State Route 154 (SR-154) that is located between the State Route 101 and SR-154 intersection in the City of Santa Barbara and SR-154 and State Route 246 intersection in the County of Santa Barbara. The bill would provide that, upon conviction, a violation of the above prohibition is subject to a fine based on the weight of the vehicle or \$1,000, whichever is greater.

STATUS: Assembly Transportation; Now a Two-Year Bill.

AB 1332 (Donnelly) State Air Resources Board: abolishment. (I-2/18/11) Sponsor: Author

Staff: Kelly Shaw (916) 319-2-59

Summary: This bill would abolish the State Air Resources Board and transfer its authority, duties, powers, purposes, responsibilities, and jurisdiction to the California EPA

STATUS: Assembly Natural Resources; Now a Two-Year Bill.

SB 125 (Emmerson-D) Vehicles: toll highways of vehicular crossings: evading toll payments

(A-4/25/11) Sponsor: CA Toll Operators Committee Staff: Teresa Trujillo (916) 651-4037

Summary: This bill would authorize a law enforcement officer to impound, or cause to be impounded, a vehicle that is registered to a chronic evader of toll payments, as defined, until all outstanding tolls and all required penalties are paid to the issuing agency.

STATUS: Assembly Transportation & Housing; Now a Two-Year Bill

SB 129 (Leno-D) Medical marijuana: qualified patients and primary caregivers: employment discrimination. (I-1/27/11) Sponsor: Americans for Safe Access

Staff: Barry Steinhart (916) 651-4003

Summary: This bill, notwithstanding existing law, would declare it unlawful for an employer to discriminate against a person in hiring, termination, or any term or condition of employment or otherwise penalize a person, if the discrimination is based upon the person's status as a qualified patient or a positive drug test for marijuana, except as specified. The bill would authorize a person who has suffered discrimination in violation of the bill to institute and prosecute a civil action for damages, injunctive relief, reasonable attorney's fees and costs, any other appropriate equitable relief, as specified, and any other relief the court may deem proper. The bill would not prohibit an employer from terminating the employment of, or taking other corrective action

against, an employee who is impaired on the property or premises of the place of employment, or during the hours of employment, because of the medical use of marijuana.

STATUS: Senate Floor Inactive File; Now a Two-Year Bill.

**SB 144 (Wyland-R) Employment: meal periods. (I-2/1/11) Sponsor: Author
Staff none yet assigned. THIS IS A SPOT BILL THAT MAY NOT BE MOVED THIS YEAR.**

Summary: Existing law requires an employer to provide an employee with one meal period during a work period of more than 5 hours and 2 meal periods during a work period of 10 hours, as prescribed. This "Spot Bill" would make non-substantive changes to these provisions.

STATUS: Awaiting committee assignment; Now a Two-Year Bill.

SB 316 (Emmerson-R) Meal periods: exemption: transportation industry. (I-2/14/11)

Sponsor: UPS Staff: Teresa Trujillo (916) 651-4037

Summary: Existing law prohibits, subject to certain exceptions, an employer from requiring an employee to work more than 5 hours per day without providing a meal period and, notwithstanding that provision, authorizes the Industrial Welfare Commission to adopt a working condition order permitting a meal period to commence after 6 hours of work if the order is consistent with the health and welfare of affected employees. This bill would add employees employed in the transportation industry, as defined, to the list of employees exempt from the above provisions.

STATUS: Senate Labor & Industrial Relations; Now a Two-Year Bill.

SB 319 (Wyland-R) Meal and rest periods: exceptions. (I-2/14/11) Sponsor: National Armored Car Assn.

Staff: Julie Hooper (916) 651-4039

Summary: Existing law prohibits, with specified exceptions, an employer from requiring any employee to work during a meal or rest period mandated by an applicable order of the Industrial Welfare Commission. Existing law requires, with specified exceptions, employers to provide meal and rest periods to employees during work periods of specified duration. This bill would exempt from these provisions an employee in the transportation industry whose work places him or her inside an armored car in shifts during a workday.

STATUS: Senate Labor & Industrial Relations; Now a Two-Year Bill.

SB 719 (Vargas-D) Vehicles: motor carrier of property: insurance (A-3/24/11) Sponsor: Author

Staff: Ermalinda Ruiz (916) 651-4040

Summary: This bill would authorize the director of the department to initiate a rulemaking process, upon making a finding that the minimum coverage requirements are insufficient, to alter, by regulation, the required coverage amounts to better reflect market conditions, costs, and operational risks. The bill would also authorize the director to alter the minimum coverage requirements for motor carriers based on the time, place, and manner of their operations, including a motor carrier's operations while operating off of a public highway if that operation is being conducted pursuant to its motor carrier permit.

STATUS: Senate Transportation & Housing; Now a Two-Year Bill

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