

SB 949 (Oropeza)

Traffic Safety Conformity

PURPOSE

This bill would clarify state law to ensure uniformity of vehicle code enforcement throughout California.

BACKGROUND

Several local governments in the state have interpreted sections of the California Vehicle Code as providing them with the authority to establish and enforce their own vehicle codes.

Several communities have passed ordinances for moving violations such as speeding and have sought to have their local law enforcement officials utilize these ordinances rather than the state vehicle code. Allowing such practices by local governments is a gray area.

Such inconsistency in the enforcement of the state's vehicle code fosters confusion and distrust among drivers. In addition, it inhibits accurate collection of statewide data on moving violations which is used to track unsafe drivers, calculate insurance rates, and puts the state in danger of losing millions in federal transportation dollars.

This bill seeks to provide further clarity to the misconstrued portions of the vehicle code so as to remove any ambiguity.

SUPPORT

- AAA Northern California
- Auto Club of Southern California
- Traffic Safety Consultants, Inc.
- Great Comedians Traffic School
- Cheap School (Traffic School)
- California Traffic Classes, Inc.

OPPOSITION

None

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