SENATE BILL No. 316

Introduced by Senator Margett

February 16, 2005

An act to add Section 1678 to the Vehicle Code, relating to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 316, as introduced, Margett. Department of Motor Vehicles: voter registration information.

Existing state law prescribes the powers and duties of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Existing federal law, the National Voter Registration Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1973gg) provides for state departments of motor vehicles to make available voter registration information and materials to applicants for driver's licenses and other vehicular documents.

This bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to include in any document promoting the National Voter Registration Act of 1973 a specified notice informing prospective voters that if they have not received voter registration information within 30 days of requesting it, they should contact their local elections office or the office of the Secretary of State.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1678 is added to the Vehicle Code, to
2 read:
3 1678. In any document that promotes the department's role in
4 effecting the National Voter Registration Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C.
5 Sec. 1973gg), the department shall include a notice informing

prospective voters that if they have not received voter registration information within 30 days of requesting it, they should contact their local elections office or the office of the Secretary of State.

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