

Introduced by Senator Berryhill

April 21, 2014

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 112—Relative to Car Care Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 112, as introduced, Berryhill. Car Care Month.

This measure would declare April 2014, as Car Care Month, and would urge all citizens with vehicles to “be car care aware” by inspecting their vehicles and performing all necessary maintenance to ensure that their vehicles are operating in a safe, efficient, and clean manner.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Past studies have shown neglected maintenance
- 2 leads to more than 5,600 deaths, nearly 100,000 disabling injuries,
- 3 and more than \$2,000,000,000 in lost wages, medical expenses,
- 4 and property damage; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Neglected tire maintenance is responsible for 9
- 6 percent of crashes; and
- 7 WHEREAS, More than 75 percent of the vehicles on the road
- 8 today are in need of some type of preventative maintenance; and
- 9 WHEREAS, According to the United States Environmental
- 10 Protection Agency, light duty vehicles are responsible for
- 11 approximately 55 percent of the United States’ transportation
- 12 emissions; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Through proper maintenance, a 10-year old vehicle
- 14 can produce fewer emissions than a poorly maintained 5-year old
- 15 vehicle; and

1 WHEREAS, Disabled vehicles are a major cause of highway
2 congestion that is avoidable with proper maintenance of critical
3 vehicle systems; and

4 WHEREAS, Proper maintenance of key safety systems such as
5 brakes, air bags, and lights will help the state reduce accidents and
6 accompanying injuries and fatalities; and

7 WHEREAS, Proper maintenance will reduce fuel usage by cars,
8 and therefore, save car owners money and reduce the emissions
9 of greenhouse gases; and

10 WHEREAS, Proper maintenance of the state’s vehicle fleet will
11 reduce long-term operating costs and the need to purchase new
12 vehicles; now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
14 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
15 declares April 2014, as Car Care Month, and urges all citizens
16 with vehicles to “be car care aware,” and inspect and perform all
17 maintenance necessary to ensure their vehicles are operating in a
18 safe, efficient, and clean manner; and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
20 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.