

**Assembly Bill No. 381**

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Passed the Assembly September 15, 2017

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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Passed the Senate September 14, 2017

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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This bill was received by the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_M.

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*Private Secretary of the Governor*

## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

An act to add Article 5.4 (commencing with Section 4630) to Chapter 1 of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 381, Calderon. Vehicle registration: Voluntary Deaf or Hard of Hearing Notification Program: establishment.

Existing law generally prohibits a person from driving, moving, or leaving a vehicle upon a highway or in an offstreet public parking facility, unless it is registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles and the appropriate fees have been paid.

This bill would establish and require the department, on and after July 1, 2020, to administer the Voluntary Deaf or Hard of Hearing Notification Program. The program would allow a person at the time of the original or renewal of registration of a vehicle to voluntarily indicate that a driver of the vehicle may be deaf or hard of hearing and further allow a peace officer to access that information when accessing other information about the vehicle. The department would be prohibited from indicating, in any manner, the information provided pursuant to the program on a driver's license, certificate of ownership, registration card, or license plate.

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

SECTION 1. Article 5.4 (commencing with Section 4630) is added to Chapter 1 of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, to read:

Article 5.4. Voluntary Deaf or Hard of Hearing Notification  
Program

4630. (a) There is, within the department, the Voluntary Deaf or Hard of Hearing Notification Program.

(b) For purposes of this article, "program" shall mean the Voluntary Deaf or Hard of Hearing Notification Program.

4632. The department shall administer the program to do all of the following:

(a) Allow a person at the time of the original or renewal of registration of a vehicle to voluntarily indicate that a driver of the vehicle may be deaf or hard of hearing.

(b) Place a notification in the record of the vehicle registration consistent with the information provided pursuant to subdivision (a).

(c) Provide a peace officer access to the information provided pursuant to subdivision (a) when accessing other information about the vehicle.

4634. The department shall not indicate, in any manner, the information provided pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 4362 on a driver's license, certificate of ownership, registration card, or license plate.

4636. This article shall not be interpreted to impose any liability on a person or business assisting in the completion of a vehicle registration form for failure to enroll a vehicle in the program.

4638. The article shall become operative on July 1, 2020.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

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*Governor*