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SUBJECT: SB 708 Update

Summary

This report provides updates on Senate Bill 708. This law requires the Department of Parks and Recreation to issue permits for competition motorcycles that do not qualify for "Green Sticker" or "Red Sticker" identification. These permits apply only to motorcycles from model year 2022 and later, operated during sanctioned events approved by relevant agencies.

Discussion

Legislation- SB 708 passed with unanimous bipartisan support and has been codified into California law under Vehicle Code Sections 38087.7 and 38231.7

Program Framework- The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has collaborated with key stakeholders, including land managers, OHV clubs, and sanctioned event sponsors to outline permit structure, enforcement protocols, and event criteria.

Permit Design- A new Sanctioned Event Permit decal has been designed for visibility and durability during competitive events. It must be displayed on the left side of motorcycles and is non-transferable.

Online Permit Sales- An online portal for purchasing permits has been created, targeting availability before the official launch in January 2026. Fee structures will be posted once finalized in accordance with Vehicle Code Section 38231.7.

Stakeholder Outreach- OHMVR Division has met with partners such as the American Motorcyclist Association, Federal Land Managers, and local OHV coalitions to gather input on program administration.

Informational Webpage- OHMVR Division is developed a “Sanctioned Event Permit” webpage that will provide all necessary program information for Public Land Managers, Sanctioned event sponsors, and competitors.

Commission Action

For information only.

Attachments

None