

State of California  
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Resolution 84-59

November 29, 1984

Agenda Item No.: 84-15-4

WHEREAS, Section 39601 of the Health and Safety Code authorizes the Air Resources Board (the "Board") to adopt standards, rules and regulations necessary for the proper execution of the powers and duties granted to and imposed upon the Board by law;

WHEREAS, Sections 43013 and 43101 of the Health and Safety Code authorize the Board to adopt vehicle emission standards in order to control air pollution caused by motor vehicles;

WHEREAS, Section 43104 of the Health and Safety Code directs the Board to adopt test procedures to determine whether new motor vehicles are in compliance with the emission standards adopted by the Board;

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted exhaust emission standards and test procedures for passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty vehicles contained in Sections 1960.1 and 1960.1.5, Title 13, California Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the Board finds that:

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) current nonconforming import vehicle program is ineffective in ensuring that cars comply with emission standards and other requirements;

The number of nonconforming import vehicles has increased dramatically from approximately 1,500 vehicles in 1980 to a projected 45,000 vehicles in 1985 with approximately one-third of these vehicles ending up in California; and

There has been evidence of numerous violations of emission standards, laws and regulations;

WHEREAS, there are a significant number of these vehicles being registered in this state by use of the 7,500-mile used vehicle rule;

WHEREAS, ARB testing of these nonconforming vehicles has shown that their emissions can exceed the levels of other current in-use vehicles by over 300% for hydrocarbon emissions, over 40% for carbon monoxide and oxides of nitrogen emissions, and over 1000% for evaporative emission; and

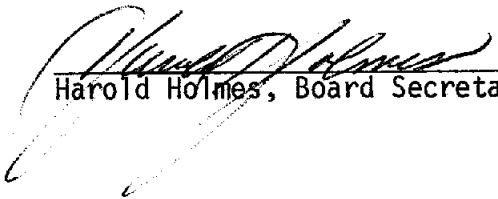
WHEREAS, the excess emissions caused by these vehicles have an adverse impact on air quality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board supports legislative changes which will allow California to prevent the importation and sale of nonconforming import vehicles which do not meet applicable California and federal vehicle emission standards and directs staff concurrently to hold workshops to consider the development of regulations to allow new noncomplying import vehicles to be legally and effectively converted and certified to meet California requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the Executive Officer to work with other state and federal agencies to prevent violation of California laws pertaining to importation and use of motor vehicles in California.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Officer report back to the Board on the progress made by the staff in this effort.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution 84-59, as adopted by the Air Resources Board.

  
Harold Holmes, Board Secretary