No Analysis Required

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Subject: Repeal of DMV’s Authority to Suspend Top 500 List Driver’s Licenses

☒ No analysis required – Not within our scope of responsibility.

☐ Major Amendment ☐ Recommended Position of _________ still valid
☐ Minor/Technical Amendment ☐ Approved Position of _________ still valid

Summary

This bill, under the Business and Professions Code, the Penal Code, and the Vehicle
Code, would repeal the Department of Motor Vehicles’ (DMV) authority to suspend
the California driver’s license (CDL) of a licensee convicted of non-vehicle related
crimes, including, among others, vandalism, the illegal use or possession of a
controlled substance or alcohol, or the illegal use of a firearm, and make several
technical changes.

Summary of Amendments

As introduced on February 21, 2019, this bill would have repealed the DMV’s authority
to suspend the CDL of a licensee convicted of non-vehicle related crimes, as
specified, or included on a certified list, including the department’s list of the 500
largest tax delinquencies, and made several technical changes.

The March 25, 2019, and April 8, 2019, amendments added coauthors, eliminated the
DMV’s authority to suspend a CDL based on a licensee’s conviction for lewd and
dissolute conduct, and made several technical changes.

The May 17, 2019, amendments made a technical correction and clarified when the
bill’s provisions would apply.
The June 17, 2019, amendments removed the provision that would have eliminated the DMV's authority to suspend the CDL of a licensee included on a certified list. As a result of the June 17, 2019, amendments this bill no longer impacts the department's programs and operations.

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