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Board Item No. 23

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Date: March 13, 2026

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1 [Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 1218 (Arreguín) - Refusal of Registration: Illegal  
2 Dumping Violation Penalties]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 1218, introduced by Senator**  
4 **Jesse Arreguín, which will require the Department of Motor Vehicles to refuse to renew**  
5 **the registration of a vehicle if the registered owner or lessee has outstanding illegal**  
6 **dumping penalties.**

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8 WHEREAS, Illegal dumping has been an increasingly serious issue in San Francisco,  
9 particularly in Chinatown, Bayview-Hunters Point, and the Mission, since the COVID-19  
10 pandemic; and

11 WHEREAS, Illegal dumping is deemed a public nuisance by the City and County of  
12 San Francisco due to its detrimental impact on the health, safety, and welfare of the  
13 community; and

14 WHEREAS, Existing enforcement tools against illegal dumpers are limited to fines and  
15 penalties not to exceed \$1,000 per day for each violation; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2025, the Department of Public Works (DPW) issued over 500 notices  
17 of violation and over 250 citations for illegal dumping; and

18 WHEREAS, Only about 40% of fines issued for illegal dumping in San Francisco in  
19 2025 have been paid, leaving tens of thousands of dollars in fines uncollected; and

20 WHEREAS, Most illegal dumpers do not pay issued fines due to lack of repercussions  
21 for non-payment; and

22 WHEREAS, The cost of illegal dumping often falls to taxpayers as the City incurs the  
23 cost of waste removal and disposal in addition to Department expenses associated with  
24 enforcement; and

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1           WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 1218 (SB 1218) will require the  
2 Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to refuse to renew the registration of a vehicle if the  
3 registered owner or lessee has been mailed a notice of delinquent illegal dumping penalties,  
4 including administrative fees; and

5           WHEREAS, The DMV has existing authority to refuse to renew the registration of a  
6 vehicle if the registered owner or lessee has a delinquent parking ticket; and

7           WHEREAS, SB 1218 would provide a stronger tool to discourage illegal dumping  
8 behavior and hold illegal dumpers accountable for the blight they create in neighborhoods;  
9 now, therefore, be it

10          RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
11 supports California State Senate Bill No. 1218 to reduce the amount of illegal dumping in our  
12 neighborhoods; and, be it

13          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the California State  
14 Legislature and the Governor to enact SB 1218; and, be it

15          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall send a copy of this resolution  
16 to Governor Gavin Newsom, Senate President pro Tempore Monique Limón, Assembly  
17 Speaker Robert Rivas, Senator Jesse Arreguín, and the San Francisco legislative delegation.

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## SB-1218 Refusal of registration: illegal dumping violation penalties. (2025-2026)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2025–2026 REGULAR SESSION

### SENATE BILL

**NO. 1218**

**Introduced by Senator Arreguín  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Bonta)**

**February 19, 2026**

An act to add Section 4760.2 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1218, as introduced, Arreguín. Refusal of registration: illegal dumping violation penalties.

Existing law requires, except as specified, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to refuse to renew the registration of a vehicle upon various grounds, including if the registered owner or lessee has been mailed a notice of a delinquent parking violation relating to standing or parking, the processing agency has filed or electronically transmitted to the department an itemization of unpaid parking penalties, and the owner or lessee has not paid the parking penalties.

Existing law makes it unlawful and punishable as an infraction for a person to dump or caused to be dumped waste matter upon a public or private highway or road, upon private property without the consent of the owner, or in or upon a public park or other public property, as specified. Existing law also makes it unlawful and punishable as a misdemeanor for a person to place, deposit, or dump, or cause to be placed, deposited, or dumped, waste matter in commercial quantities, as specified.

This bill would similarly require the DMV to refuse to renew the registration of a vehicle if the registered owner or lessee has been mailed a notice of delinquent illegal dumping violation.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** Section 4760.2 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

**4760.2.** (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (b) or (d), the department shall refuse to renew the registration of a vehicle if the registered owner or lessee has been mailed a notice of delinquent illegal dumping violation relating to a violation of Section 374.3 of the Penal Code, the court has filed or electronically transmitted to the department an itemization of unpaid illegal dumping penalties, including administrative fees, and the owner or lessee has not paid the illegal dumping penalties and administrative fees, unless the registrant pays to the department, at the time of application for renewal, the full amount of all illegal dumping penalties and administrative fees, as shown by records of the department.

(2) When the department receives the full amount of all outstanding illegal dumping penalties and administrative fees pursuant to paragraph (1), it shall issue a receipt showing each illegal dumping penalty and administrative fee that has been paid, the court for that penalty and fee, and a description of the vehicle involved in the illegal dumping violations.

(b) The department shall not refuse to renew the registration of a vehicle owned by a renter or lessor if the applicant provides the department with the abstract or notice of disposition of the illegal dumping violation issued pursuant to subdivision (c) for clearing all outstanding penalties and administrative fees as shown by the records of the department.

(c) The court shall issue an abstract or notice of disposition of the illegal dumping violation to the renter or lessor of a vehicle issued a notice of delinquent illegal dumping violation relating to a violation of Section 374.3 of the Penal Code if the renter or lessor provides the court with the name, address, and driver's license number of the rentee or lessee at the time of occurrence of the illegal dumping violation.

(d) The department shall not refuse to renew the registration of a vehicle if the illegal dumping violation citation was issued prior to the registered owner taking possession of the vehicle.

(e) The department shall allow a registered owner or lessee to file a certification that the vehicle will not be operated, moved, or left standing upon a highway pursuant to Section 4604, if the registered owner or lessee currently owes illegal dumping penalties and administrative fees for that vehicle, regardless of whether or not that registered owner or lessee is currently on an active payment plan.



**2025-2026  
Legislative  
Session  
As of Tuesday,  
March 10, 2026**

**No matching Measures found for the 2025-2026 session.**

Measure	Location/Status	Title and Brief Summary	Lobbyist	CSAC Position	Documents

Total Measures: 0

Total Tracking Forms: 0



**Search Results**  
**Tuesday, March 10, 2026**

**[SB 1218](#) ([Arreguín D](#)) Refusal of registration: illegal dumping violation penalties.**

Current law makes it unlawful and punishable as an infraction for a person to dump or caused to be dumped waste matter upon a public or private highway or road, upon private property without the consent of the owner, or in or upon a public park or other public property, as specified. Current law also makes it unlawful and punishable as a misdemeanor for a person to place, deposit, or dump, or cause to be placed, deposited, or dumped, waste matter in commercial quantities, as specified. This bill would similarly require the DMV to refuse to renew the registration of a vehicle if the registered owner or lessee has been mailed a notice of delinquent illegal dumping violation.

**Cal Cities Position:** Track                      **Primary Lobbyist:** [Melissa Sparks-Kranz](#)    **Policy Committee :** [EQ](#)

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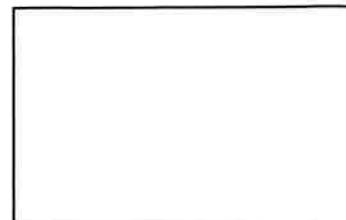
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## Introduction Form

*(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)*



I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)  
*(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)*
- 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ inquires..."
- 5. City Attorney Request
- 6. Call File No. \_\_\_\_\_ from Committee.
- 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Reactivate File No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on \_\_\_\_\_

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- Small Business Commission     Youth Commission     Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission     Building Inspection Commission     Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- Yes                       No

*(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)*

Sponsor(s):

Sauter; Walton, Mahmood, Dorsey

Subject:

Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 1218 (Arreguin) – Refusal of registration: illegal dumping violation penalties

Long Title or text listed:

Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 1218, introduced by Senator Jesse Arreguin, which will require the Department of Motor Vehicles to refuse to renew the registration of a vehicle if the registered owner or lessee has outstanding illegal dumping penalties.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

