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## **Governor Jerry Brown's Veto Kills SB 778 & AB 873**

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The biggest part of this story may be how many people are missing the fact that California Governor Jerry Brown's recent veto of SB 778 wipes out related anti-fast lube bill AB 873—including the author, Republican Assemblyman Brian Jones (R-71) (<http://bit.ly/2dnlu6w>).

AOCA initially opposed both bills, which sought to expand the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR)'s jurisdiction over automotive maintenance providers (AMPs) as if they were doing repairs. The new requirements contemplated would have been catastrophic for AMPs' business model, resulting in significant increases in consumer costs and time spent trying to obtain basic preventive automotive maintenance services. Although SB 778 also contained a highly controversial oil change interval disclosure requirement, the California New Car Dealers Association promoted the measure to capitalize on an opportunity to burden their preventative maintenance competition by getting them regulated as repair facilities.

After receiving protests from AOCA and over 15,000 AMP-supporting consumers, SB 778's author, Senator Ben Allen (D-26<sup>th</sup>), agreed to create a carve out for AMPs—those who do only automotive maintenance services associated with fluid and filter changes, fluid treatments, and belt and windshield wiper blade replacement, a nearly identical category of the core preventative maintenance services originally recognized as deserving exception in the Automotive Repair Act. To ensure that BAR not be given additional authority without an AMP exception, Senator Allen insisted that both SB 778 and AB 873 contain a clause that each “shall become operative only if [the other] of the 2015-16 Regular Session, relating to professions and vocations, is enacted and becomes effective on or before January 1, 2017” (<http://bit.ly/2dnBVlc>). Therefore, AB 873's fate was sealed when Governor Brown vetoed SB 778.

### **About AOCA**

The Automotive Oil Change Association (AOCA) is a non-profit trade organization with more than 1,200 members representing over 3,800 auto maintenance centers throughout the United States, Mexico, Canada and many other countries around the world. The association was founded in 1987 to represent the convenient automotive service industry, and its mission is to provide its members with the business tools, resources and education to professionally and successfully deliver convenient automotive oil changes and other preventive maintenance services. AOCA is dedicated to enhancing the competency of fast lube owners, educating the public about the benefits of preventive automotive maintenance and maintaining a favorable business environment for the industry. AOCA members adhere to a Code of Ethics and a standard of service excellence. In addition, AOCA provides counsel on legislative and regulatory issues, represents the industry on Capitol Hill, develops research data on the convenient auto service market, and makes available a wide variety of business products and services to help members improve business operations. For more information, visit [www.AOCA.org](http://www.AOCA.org).

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