

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, every year, a number of people are killed or injured across the state by reckless motorists engaged in speed contests, exhibitions of speed, or by individuals participating in illegal "sideshow" events; and

WHEREAS, "sideshows" are illegal events where two or more individuals block highways to and engage in motor vehicle exhibitions of speed, motor vehicle stunts and other dangerous activities in front of a crowd; and

WHEREAS, under current law, individuals who are convicted of engaging in a motor vehicle speed contest can be imprisoned for up to 90 days, be fined up to \$1,000, have their driver's license suspended from 90 days to six months and have their vehicle immediately impounded for up to 30 days; and

WHEREAS, individuals engaging in an exhibition of speed may be imprisoned for up to 90 days, be fined up to \$500 and have their vehicle impounded immediately for up to 30 days; and

WHEREAS, current law does not specifically allow for the suspension of driver's licenses of individuals convicted for exhibition of speed violations which occurred during a "sideshow" event; and

WHEREAS, AB 3 (Fong) would provide that, in addition to the existing penalties, a person engaging in a motor vehicle exhibition of speed while participating in a "sideshow," as defined, may have his or her driver's license suspended of from 90 days to six months; and

WHEREAS, "sideshows" are incredibly dangerous for participants, spectators and the general public, and the penalties for exhibition of speed at one of these events should include the ability to suspend an individual's driver's license;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021 - 2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 3 (Fong), which would provide that in addition to existing penalties, a person engaging in a motor vehicle exhibition of speed, while participating in a "sideshow," may have his or her driver's license suspended from 90 days to six months.

PRESENTED BY:   
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SECONDED BY: 

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