

# What Are the Primary Changes of Assembly Bill [\(AB\) 503](#)?

Although the best method to understand and get answers about AB 503 is to read it thoroughly, these are some of the highlights. However, this commentary is not legal advice, and any specific legal question should be addressed on a case-by-case basis with a traffic lawyer.

CVC 12808.1, *Issuance and Renewal of Licenses* repealed, and Sections 4760, 40215, 21107.8, and 40220 is amended to allow indigent drivers with unpaid parking tickets to set up a payment plan to pay off their fines and added late fees within an 18-month period. Additionally, those drivers can file an “affidavit of nonuse” if the vehicle is not in operation.

Section 4760 is amended to say that the DMV shall not refuse to issue a renewal of registration or DL due to unpaid parking tickets and the exceptions to that policy.

The amendment to Section 21107.8 speaks to the regulation by cities and counties of “off-street” parking and what measures these agencies must take before sending parking fee invoices to the DMV or adding late fees. However, private entities cannot pass themselves off as a government agency to facilitate collecting a debt.

Section 40215’s amendment discusses the time requirements, the prerequisites, training, qualifications, and objectivity of examiners in conducting the requested administrative hearing when a driver contests a parking violation or administrative fee. It further states an administrative panel will not charge those determined as indigent for the hearing. Others must pay the parking ticket first, but will be refunded if it is found to be unjust.

The changes to Section 40220 discusses the payment plan options an agency must fulfill before sending an itemized list of unpaid parking tickets and admin fees to the DMV for collection as follows:

1. Set up an 18-month payment plan of \$25 or less per month when the total is less than \$300.
2. Waives late fees and surcharges, except State penalties, but provides for reestablishing those fees if not paid after a one-time 45-day extension to resume payment.
3. Limits the plan's fees to \$5 for indigents and \$25 for others
4. Indigency filing within 60 days after a parking violation or ten days after an administrative hearing and requirements for the determination.
5. Provides for the renewal of fees and penalties for an individual's willful, fraudulent indigent claim.
6. Provides language for State Universities and Community Colleges exceptions.