



**CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF BICYCLING ORGANIZATIONS**  
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CABO Position on  
BICYCLE REGISTRATION

California Vehicle Code Division 16.7 REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF BICYCLES, Sections 39000 thru 39012 allows for local jurisdictions to adopt bicycle registration and licensing ordinances and include provisions for the actual licensing of the bicycle, mandatory fees for licensing, maintenance of records of such licensing, requirements for information provided at point of sale by retailers, serial numbers on bicycles, transfer of ownership, change of address, fines, and bicycle impoundment. There is currently no mandatory state wide registration system. It is currently up to individual local jurisdictions whether or not to implement a registration program.

CABO is neither in support of or against registration of bicycles in the state of California. However, if there is to be a workable system for registering bicycles in California, the following items are required:

1. All data should be uniform and be kept in a statewide computer database.
  - 1a. The database should be accessible statewide - not just in individual jurisdictions.
2. The database must be maintained and updated on a frequent regular basis.
3. The registration system must be self-supporting and not-for-profit. The entity maintaining the database should be certain to maintain the security and accessibility of the data, must also assure that the database is not sold and that the database is the property of the state of California.
4. Law enforcement agencies must be willing to use the database.
5. Serial numbers of the bicycles must be individual to each bike.
  - 5a. Licensing jurisdictions that mark frames by stamping a letter or design should not make this mandatory for all bicycles since such marking can damage some bicycles.
6. Where there is registration, it should be enforced in compliance with the state vehicle code. Where registration is optional, it should be encouraged.
7. It should be convenient for cyclists to register bicycles.
8. Funds generated from a registration program should go to bicycle projects.

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