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SB 510 (Hall) Street Racing: Vehicle Inspection
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ISSUE

Illegal street racing is a growing danger to those behind the wheel, passengers, spectators and innocent passers-by that may be injured or killed. Reports of innocent people being assaulted and vehicles being vandalized for simply trying to drive around illegal racing activities are on the rise. Illegal drug use, drunk driving, stolen vehicles and stolen weapons are among the offenses that are cited by law enforcement when street racing events are broken up.

Many of the vehicles cited for street racing have undergone thousands of dollars in dangerous and illegal modifications. These modifications include radar jammers, lowered frames, air and hydraulic suspension systems, window tinting, missing bumpers, engine modifications, multicolored headlights, and excessively noisy exhaust systems and mufflers.

Currently, a vehicle used for illegal street racing may be impounded at the expense of the owner for one to 30 days upon conviction. After this time, the vehicle is returned to the owner with the illegal modifications intact. This allows the owner to immediately begin using the vehicle for illegal street racing activities; endangering themselves and innocent passers-by.

SOLUTION

SB 510 requires that upon conviction of street racing, the vehicle used in the act will be impounded for 30 days and would require that illegal modifications found upon inspection of the vehicle be corrected within 30 days of the vehicle being released from impound.

By implementing these requirements, vehicles used for illegal street racing will be restored to being street legal prior to returning to our streets. Ultimately, this bill will ensure the safety of vehicles on our roads and act as a disincentive for others to illegally modify their vehicles.

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