Department of Finance

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA MANUAL OF STATE FUNDS

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#### Legal Title

Certification Account, Consumer Affairs Fund

## Legal Citation/Authority

Chapter 970, Statutes of 1998 (AB 2802)

Business and Professions Code section 472-472.5

# **Fund Classification**

**GAAP Basis** 

Governmental/Special Revenue Funds

## **Fund Classification**

**Legal Basis** 

Governmental/Other Governmental Cost Funds

#### **Purpose**

The New Motor Vehicle Board in the Department of Motor Vehicles shall administer the collection of fees for the purposes of fully funding the expenses incurred by the Arbitration Certification Program in establishing and carrying out a program for the certification of third-party dispute resolution processes. Fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Certification Account in the Consumer Affairs Fund.

## **Administering Agency/Organization Code**

Department of Consumer Affairs/Org 1111

#### **Major Revenue Source**

Fees imposed on manufacturers and distributors for each motor vehicle sold, leased, or otherwise distributed during the preceding calendar year, not to exceed \$1 for each motor vehicle.

# **Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)**

Pursuant to Government Code 16346, absent language that identifies a successor fund, any balance remaining in this fund upon abolishment shall be transferred to the General Fund.

#### **Appropriation Authority**

Section 472.5 of the Business and Professions Code provides that the funds in the account shall be available upon appropriation by the Legislature.

### **State Appropriations Limit**

Excluded - Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes, however, when transferred, may become proceeds of taxes. These revenues are used to regulate the activities engaged in by the payers.

#### **Comments/Historical Information**

Chapter 1544, Statutes of 1988 abolished the Automotive Repair Fund and transferred the funds to the Vehicle Inspection and Repair Fund. As a result, the Certification Account was created under Consumer Affairs commencing in the FY 1991-92.

Chapter 1280, Statutes of 1987 created this fund under Business and Professions Code section 9889.75.

Chapter 689, Statutes of 1991 moved the fund to Business and Professions Code section 472.5.

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