



SENATE FLOOR ALERT

AB 1777 (Ting), File Item #196— OPPOSE

- Cal Cities is opposed to AB 1777(Ting).
- The original version treated driverless cars as if there was a real person behind the wheel authorizing cities to issue citations for traffic violations.
- Traffic violations and accidents must be subject to the same consequences. However, amendments taken on Friday, 8/23/2024, remove this important policy and reframe the premise of the bill.
- New amendments are NOT technical in nature. The 8/23 amendments create a statutory exemption prohibiting Autonomous Vehicle (AV) manufacturers from receiving citations or fines under the vehicle code.
- Instead of giving law enforcement the ability to police AV companies for traffic violations, officers **may only** issue a “notice of noncompliance” for traffic violations committed by AVs and report them to the DMV.
- At the same time, the bill provides that a noncompliance notice “shall NOT create a presumption that the autonomous vehicle is unsafe” despite the nature or severity of the traffic violation in question.
- This creates unequal enforcement, where a human driver can be cited or even charged for traffic violations, but AV companies are only noticed through the DMV.
- This is antithetical to the premise of the original bill.
- Just this weekend, a Waymo AV was caught on camera driving the wrong way in San Francisco.
- AB 1777 prevents cities from policing and ensuring our communities are safe.

WE URGE YOUR “NO” VOTE ON AB 1777!