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**Department of Motor Vehicles Memo 23-03:
Verification of Vehicle Registration Status for Vehicle Code Section 5204**

On June 22, 2023, the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) issued Law Enforcement Information Memo 23-03: Verification of Vehicle Registration Status for Vehicle Code Section 5204. The purpose of the memo is to notify California law enforcement agencies of statutory changes regarding the issuance of citations for violations of California Vehicle Code Section 5204.

For further information please refer to the attached DMV Law Enforcement Information Memo 23-03: Verification of Vehicle Registration Status for Vehicle Code Section 5204.



LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION MEMO: 23-03
SUBJECT: Verification of Vehicle Registration Status
for Veh. Code §5204
Memo Date: June 22, 2023

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Purpose	To notify California law enforcement agencies of statutory changes regarding the issuance of citations for violations of California Vehicle Code (Veh. Code) §5204.
Background	Senate Bill (SB) 1359 (2022) adds a verification requirement to determine the registration status of the vehicle prior to issuing a citation for a violation of the requirement to attach the appropriate registration tabs. Reference Veh. Code §§5204 and 40225
New Information	Effective January 1, 2023, SB 1359 (2022) requires law enforcement officers or personnel authorized to enforce parking laws and regulations to verify the vehicle registration status using available Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) records prior to issuing a citation for violation of Veh. Code §5204, which requires the display of current month and year registration tabs. A citation for a violation of Veh. Code §5204 shall not be issued if the vehicle has current registration on file with the DMV. Refer to Veh. Code §§5204 and 40225 for specific requirements.
Contact	Direct questions or concerns regarding this memorandum, or changes to the email distribution list to the Information Policy and Liaison Branch at (916) 657-7732 or via email at jaglaw@dmv.ca.gov .

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