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JUDGE GRANTS BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR REQUEST TO SUSPEND BUSINESS LICENSE AFTER INVESTIGATION REVEALS FRAUD, RISK OF CONSUMER HARM

BAR continues to combat fraud, protect consumers, and keep unsafe vehicles off the road

SACRAMENTO – A judge suspended the license of Los Angeles-based automotive repair dealer, [Industry Smog](#), after a [Bureau of Automotive Repair \(BAR\)](#) investigation revealed the business performed fraudulent vehicle safety systems inspections and issued 15 certificates of compliance without performing the required inspections. The suspension was granted by an Administrative Law Judge in response to a BAR petition filed to protect consumers.

Automotive repair dealers engaging in fraudulent activity and allowing unsafe vehicles on the road threatens both the physical and financial safety of Californians.

Vehicles that have been repaired after being declared a total loss by an insurance company, known as revived salvage vehicles, must pass a safety systems inspection before they can be registered with the DMV and driven on roadways. Certificates of compliance issued without the required safety systems inspection can lead to unsafe total-loss vehicles being back on the road, posing serious dangers to Californians in communities across the state.

Industry Smog's license suspension marks the third Los Angeles area repair facility suspended in three months as a direct result of BAR investigations. In July, Ponce's Smog Check's license was suspended for issuing 12 fraudulent certificates of compliance and in June, Danny's Test and Repair Inc.'s license was suspended for issuing 10 fraudulent certificates of compliance.

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The interim suspension orders will remain in place until associated pending disciplinary actions are resolved. BAR is seeking to revoke the licenses of all three businesses.

The actions are the latest in BAR and DCA's work to protect Californians through rigorous oversight and enforcement.

Californians with concerns about automotive repair work performed on their vehicle are encouraged to file a complaint with BAR [online](#) or by calling (800) 952-5210.

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ABOUT THE BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR: The California Bureau of Automotive Repair protects Californians through effective oversight of the automotive repair industry and administration of vehicle emissions reduction and safety programs.