

# STATE OF CALIFORNIA NEW BATTERY FEES EFFECTIVE 04-01-2017

On September 26, 2016, California Governor Jerry Brown signed into law the LEAD ACID BATTERY Recycling Act of 2016 (AB2153). The new law includes the following requirements on retail battery dealers:

- Starting on January 1, 2017:

**ACCEPT CORES** - Battery Dealers must accept at no cost up to six used lead acid batteries per person, per day, with or without purchase of a new battery.

- Starting on April 1, 2017:

**CALIFORNIA BATTERY FEE** – Dealers of batteries must collect a \$1 fee per battery from the end-user. Except for sales to businesses, the dealer shall charge the \$1 fee as a charge that is separate from, and not included in, any other fee, charge, or other amount paid by the person. The dealer later pays the collected \$1 CALIFORNIA BATTERY FEE to the State, less 1.5% to cover administrative costs.

**CORE CHARGE** - Charge a refundable deposit, subject to sales tax, when a consumer purchases a replacement lead-acid battery and does not simultaneously provide a used lead-acid battery to the dealer. The deposit must be refunded upon presentation of a used battery and proof of purchase from the same dealer within 45 days of purchase. The dealer may keep the deposit if a used battery is not presented to that same dealer within 45 days of purchase.

**SIGNAGE** – Dealers must post a sign that is clearly visible to consumers (waiting room, cashier area, retail store..etc) or add language to receipts, disclosing the \$1 fee and the core deposit charge. The law requires specific words for the sign. A sample of such a sign you can post is on the other side of the flyer.

- Starting July 31, 2017:

**TAX RETURN IS DUE** – The first California Battery Fee tax returns are due to the California Board of Equalization. This is the same site where sales tax is paid - [www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov) (search Lead acid battery fees) or call them at 1-800-400-7115 . Please check back frequently with the BOE website until at which time instruction on how to file the return are posted. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us 415-863-1546. We will do our best to update you on this and other important regulations –

We will continue to provide you with **REAL & GENUINE Service**

# NOTICE TO CONSUMERS

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We are a Dealer of batteries and we are required by law to charge a non-refundable **\$1 CALIFORNIA BATTERY FEE** and a refundable **DEPOSIT** for each lead-acid battery purchased.

A credit of the same amount as the refundable deposit will be issued if a used LEAD-ACID battery is returned at the time of purchase or up to 45 days later along with this the original purchase receipt.



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