

**FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE
OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 3**

The Administrative Procedure Act requires that every agency shall maintain a file of each rulemaking that shall be deemed to be the record for that rulemaking proceeding. The rulemaking file shall include a final statement of reasons. The Final Statement of Reasons shall be available to the public upon request when rulemaking action is being undertaken. The following are the reasons for proposing this particular rulemaking action.

UPDATES TO THE INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS:

The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) finds that no revisions have been made which would warrant a change to the initial statement of reasons for the following proposed actions:

Adopt the 2008 National Electrical Code for incorporation, by reference, into the 2010 California Electrical Code and to carry forward existing California amendments related to hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, licensed clinics and correctional treatment centers, to make minor editorial and technical modifications for clarification and consistency within the code. Amendments are summarized below.

- Articles 100, 700.27 and 701.18 – Amendment to the definition of “coordination (selective)” will allow selective coordination requirements of 700.27 and 701.18 to be enforced without requiring specific types of overcurrent protection or oversized equipment.
- Table 220.42, Lighting Load and Demand Factors– Amendment specifies what areas of a hospital the demand factors will not apply.
- Articles 352, 362, 380,382, 388 & 392 – Amendments regarding branch circuits in patient care areas are being repealed because they are unnecessary. These requirements are addressed in Article 517.13(A).
- Articles 404.4 & 406.8(C)(1) – Amendments clarify existing language regarding placement of switches and receptacles in shower stalls.
- Article 404.8(A) (2) –Amendment regarding location of switches in wet locations, such as shower stalls, is being relocated to a more appropriate article, Article 404.4.
- Article 517.16 – Amendment will provide coordination and clarification of the requirements in Articles 250.146(D), 406.2(D), 517.13 and 517.16 as they apply to insulated ground receptacles in patient care areas.
- Article 517.22(A) & (B)(1)– Amendments are editorial for clarity.
- Article 517.22(B)(2) - Amendment adopts a more appropriate lighting standard for skilled nursing facilities.
- Articles 517.33(A)(5) & Article 517.35(B)(4) – Amendments allow wireless nurse call systems in hospitals.
- Article 517.33(A)(7)–Amendment adds “information technology” rooms to telephone room requirements to be connected to the critical branch. This will provide continued functioning of these systems within a hospital.
- Article 517.42(C)(3) – Amendment clarifies that wireless emergency nurse call systems must comply with the latest ANSI/UL 1069 standard.
- Article 517.44(B.1) Exception 2 – Amendment clarifies that battery-powered components of a wireless emergency nurse call system are not required to have the wireless components connected to the alternate source of power.
- Article 517.123(C)(3) – Amendment clarifies requirements for “code blue” audible and visual device locations.
- Article 700.4(A) – Amendment specifies the standard to which generator sets must be tested.
- Article 700.4(B) – Amendment specifies the authority having jurisdiction for periodic testing of emergency generators in hospitals is Department of Public Health, Licensing and Certification

- Article 700.6 – Amendment requires all transfer switches be listed regardless of voltage.
- Article 708.1 – Amendment provides an exemption from new model code requirements for electrical distribution systems.

MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

OSHPD has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

OBJECTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS MADE REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION(S).

OSHPD did not receive any objections or recommendations regarding the proposed regulations.

DETERMINATION OF ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND EFFECT ON PRIVATE PERSONS

OSHPD has determined that no alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulation is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted regulation

REJECTED PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE THAT WOULD LESSEN THE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES:

No alternatives were proposed. OSHPD has determined that the proposed regulations will not have an adverse economic impact on small businesses.