

**UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST
FOR
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE
DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT – ACCESS COMPLIANCE**

**REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 2**

2007 Code Cycle

The Division of the State Architect – Access Compliance finds that revisions have been made which would warrant a change to the informative digest contained in the Notice for 2007 Code Cycle.

Summary of the Immediately Preceding Laws and Regulations

(Government Code Section 11346.9(b))

Summary of Existing Laws

General (all Items except 38)

Existing law (H&SC§ 18930) provides that any building standard adopted or proposed by the DSA must be submitted to, and approved or adopted by, the CBSC. Building standards adopted by the DSA and submitted to the CBSC for approval must be accompanied by an analysis which shall, to the satisfaction of the CBSC, justify the approval thereof in terms of the 9-point Criteria in H&SC§ 18930)

Existing law (H&SC§ 18949.1) provides that any responsibilities of the DSA to adopt regulations relating to building standards are transferred to the CBSC.

Existing law (GC§ 4450 et seq.) provides access to public buildings by persons with disabilities and authorizes the DSA to propose regulations.

Existing law (H&SC§ 12955.1) provides that regulations adopting building standards necessary to implement, interpret, or make specific the provisions for public housing shall be developed by the DSA.

Existing law (H&SC§ 19952 through 19954) require publicly and privately owned facilities or structures to provide access to places of public amusement and resort by persons with disabilities. H&SC§ 19952 specifically requires accessible seating or accommodations in various locations within a facility.

Existing law (H&SC§ 19955 through 19959) requires access by persons with disabilities to public accommodations constructed with private funds. Such privately funded facilities must adhere to regulations promulgated by the State Architect pursuant to GC§ 4450.

Item 38 Accessible Parking (1129B.3 & 1129B.4)

Existing law (GC§ 14679(c)) authorizes the DSA to develop, pursuant to GC§ 4450, as appropriate, conforming regulations to ensure compliance for accessible parking.

Existing law (VC§ 22511.8(b)) authorizes the DSA to develop, pursuant to GC§ 4450, as appropriate,

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WITHDRAWN

At the California Building Standards Commission meeting held on May 21, 2008, the Commission approved DSA-AC proposed emergency building standards (DSA AC EF 01/08) concerning California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 2, the California Building Code (Accessible Parking). The standards were filed with the Secretary of State on June 5, 2008. Effective date of this regulatory change is July 1, 2008.

Summary of Existing Regulations

General (All Items except 38 & 43)

Existing building standards which prescribe requirements for accessibility to public buildings, public accommodations, commercial buildings and publicly housing are promulgated by the DSA-AC. These regulations are contained in Title 24, Part 2 (2007 California Building Code), and are based on provisions within the adopted model building code (2006 International Building Code).

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Item 43 Door Opening Force (1133B.2.5)

The 1998 edition of the CBC previously indicated the effort to operate exterior doors shall not exceed 8-1/2 lbf. The 2001 edition of the CBC Sec 1133B.2.5 now indicates the effort to operate an exterior door shall not exceed 5 lbf. However, this code section does not address an exterior entrance where multiple door leaves are provided at a single location.

Summary of Effect

General (All Items except 38 & 43)

The proposed action would ensure that the State Architect's regulations and building standards published in CCR, T-24, Pt 2, would not prescribe a lesser standard of accessibility or usability than provided by the Federal Accessibility Guidelines prepared by the federal Access Board as adopted by the United States Department of Justice (US DOJ) to implement the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (Public Law 101-336), consistent with GC§ 4450(c).

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These regulations retain the 5 lbf maximum effort at exterior doors currently in effect and provide an alternative method of providing accessibility at exterior entrances when multiple door leaves are provided at a single location. The alternative method would require one of every 8 exterior door leaves at a single location to be a powered door while permitting other exterior doors at the same location, serving the same interior space, a maximum opening force of 8.5 lbf. The powered door would be

required to be closest to the accessible route; provided with back-up battery or generator at occupancies of 150 or more; and provided with door signage, including an International Symbol of Accessibility above the powered door when it occurs at an Assembly Occupancy with 300 or more occupants. The powered door would be controlled by a sensing device, push-plate or vertical actuation bar. The push-plates or vertical actuation bars would permit door activation at standard door hardware height and also at a low level by a foot or wheelchair foot pedal.