

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE
OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

**REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE,
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 4**

Health Facilities Construction

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires that an Initial Statement of Reasons be available to the public upon request when rulemaking action is being undertaken. The following information required by the APA pertains to this particular rulemaking action:

STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC PURPOSE AND RATIONALE:

Table 315 – Heating, Cooling and Relative Humidity Requirements for Sensitive Areas or Rooms

The proposed amendments to this table provide clarification and are consistent with the current sensitive room temperature and relative humidity requirements of ASHRAE 170 – 2008, a nationally recognized standard of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE).

Table 4-A – Pressure Relationship and Ventilation Requirements for General Acute Care Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Intermediate Care Facilities, Correctional Treatment Centers, Outpatient Facilities and Licensed Clinics. Specific designated areas and rooms of these health facilities and corresponding air pressure and ventilation requirements are being added to Table 4-A. These areas and rooms are currently not addressed in this table and the proposed requirements will provide clarity.

TECHNICAL, THEORETICAL, AND EMPIRICAL STUDY, REPORT, OR SIMILAR DOCUMENTS:

ASHRAE 170-2008 Standards

CONSIDERATION OF REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES

No reasonable alternatives exist. The proposed regulations are consistent with current nationally recognized standards.

REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES THE AGENCY HAS IDENTIFIED THAT WOULD LESSEN ANY ADVERSE IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS.

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FACTS, EVIDENCE, DOCUMENTS, TESTIMONY, OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF NO SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON BUSINESS.

The proposed regulations will not have an adverse impact on small businesses.

DUPLICATION OR CONFLICTS WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Not applicable.