

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION
TO
BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE
OFFICE OF STATEWIDE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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

**2009 Annual Code Adoption Cycle
Adoption of the 2008 National Electrical Code**

Notice is hereby given that the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) on behalf of Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) proposes to adopt, approve, codify, and publish changes to building standards contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 3. The OSHPD is proposing building standards related to adoption of the 2008 National Electrical Code for incorporation into the 2010 California Electrical Code.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The California Building Standards Commission on behalf of [STATE AGENCY NAME] will hold a public hearing at [TIME], on [DATE] at [ADDRESS], during which time any person may present statements or arguments relevant to the proposed regulatory action summarized below.

Written comments will be accepted by the California Building Standards Commission regarding the proposed changes from [DATE] until [TIME] on [DATE].

Please address your comments to:

California Building Standards Commission
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95833
Attention: Dave Walls, Executive Director

Written Comments may also be faxed to (916) 263-0959 or E-mailed to CBSC@dgs.ca.gov.

OR

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, written comments will be accepted from [DATE], until [TIME] on [DATE]. Please address your comments to:

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Pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.5 (a) 17, any interested person or his or her duly authorized representative may request, no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period, that a public hearing be held.

POST-HEARING MODIFICATIONS TO THE TEXT OF THE REGULATIONS

Following the public comment period, the CBSC may adopt the proposed building standards substantially as proposed in this notice or with modifications that are sufficiently related to the original proposed text and notice of proposed changes. If modifications are made, the full text of the proposed modifications, clearly indicated, will be made available to the public

for at least 15 days prior to the date on which the CBSC adopts, amends, or repeals the regulation(s). CBSC will accept written comments on the modified building standards during the 15-day period. (GC 11346.5(a)(18) & 11346.8(c))

NOTE: To be notified of any modifications, you must submit written/oral comments or request that you be notified of any modifications.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

The California Building Standards Commission proposes to adopt these building standards under the authority granted by Health and Safety Code Section 18949.3. The purpose of these building standards is to implement, interpret, and make specific the provisions of Health and Safety Code Section 129850. The OSHPD is proposing this regulatory action based on Health and Safety Code Sections 1226,1275,18928, 18929, 129790 and 129850 and Government Code Section 11152.5.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Summary of Existing Laws

Health and Safety Code Section 1226 authorizes the Office to prescribe, in consultation with the Community Clinics Advisory Committee, minimum building standards for the physical plant of clinics, for adoption in the California Building Standards Code.

Health and Safety Code Section 1275 authorizes the Office to adopt and enforce building standards for the physical plant of health facilities including hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and correctional treatment centers.

Health and Safety Code Section 18928 authorizes state agencies to adopt the most recent edition of model code, as amended or proposed to be amended by the agency, within one year of the publication date of that model code.

Health and Safety Code Section 18929 mandates that building standards or administrative regulations that directly apply to the implementation or enforcement of building standards must be submitted by the adopting agency to the California Building Standards Commission for the Commission's approval and must be adopted pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 18930 and the Government Code (commencing with Section 11346).

Health and Safety Code Section 18949.3 mandates that the responsibilities of the Office to adopt building standards, including but not limited to, the responsibilities specified under the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act (commencing with Section 129765) be transferred to the California Building Standards Commission.

Health and Safety Code Section 129790 authorizes the Office to propose building standards for correctional treatment centers in cooperation with the Department of Corrections, Board of Corrections and Department of Youth Authority.

Health and Safety Code Section 129850 authorizes the Office to propose building standards, as necessary, in order to carry out the requirements of the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act. The Office is also authorized to submit to the California Building Standards Commission for approval and adoption of building standards related to the seismic safety of hospital buildings.

Government Code Section 11152.5 authorizes a state department to adopt regulations pursuant to the Government Code. Regulations which are building standards must be adopted pursuant to State Building Standards Law of the Health and Safety Code (commencing with 18901).

Summary of Existing Regulations

The OSHPD currently enforces the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 3, 2007 California Electrical Code which is based on the 2005 National Electrical Code with California amendments. OSHPD enforces requirements related to the construction of hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, licensed clinics and correctional treatment centers.

Summary of Effect

The proposed action is to 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.

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

There is no federal statute or regulations related to this proposed action.

Policy Statement Overview

The intent of this proposal is to adopt the most recent model code requirements for health facility construction, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 18928. The OSHPD is responsible for the development of regulations regarding the physical plant for hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, licensed clinics and correctional treatment centers. Additionally, OSHPD is responsible for amending model code requirements for these health facilities, as necessary.

OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE APPLICABLE TO THE AGENCY OR TO ANY SPECIFIC REGULATION OR CLASS OF REGULATIONS

There are no other matters to identify.

MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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

ESTIMATE OF COST OR SAVINGS

- A. Cost or Savings to any state agency: **No**
- B. Cost to any local agency required to be reimbursed under Part 7(commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **No**
- C. Cost to any school district required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **No**
- D. Other nondiscretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: **No**
- E. Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: **No**

INITIAL DETERMINATION OF NO SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES

The OSHPD has made an initial determination that the adoption/amendment/repeal of this regulation will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact on businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with business in other states.

DECLARATION OF EVIDENCE

The OSHPD has not relied on any other facts, evidence, documents, testimony or other evidence to make its initial determination of no statewide adverse economic impact. The scope of the proposed action is to adopt the most recent model code pursuant to statutory requirements and to carry forward existing California amendments from the 2007 California Electrical Code and to make necessary minor technical modifications

FINDING OF NECESSITY FOR THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE

(Any regulation that requires a report shall not apply to businesses, unless the agency makes a finding that it is necessary for the health, safety, or welfare of the public that the regulations apply to businesses.)

OSHPD has made an assessment of the proposal regarding the economic impact of recordkeeping and reporting requirements and has determined that a report pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.3(c) is not required.

COST IMPACT ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS

OSHPD is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT OF REGULATIONS UPON JOBS AND BUSINESS EXPANSION, ELIMINATION OR CREATION

OSHPD has assessed whether or not and to what extent this proposal will affect the following:

- The creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California.
 - These regulations will have no affect.
- The creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.
 - These regulations will have no affect.
- The expansion of businesses currently doing business with the State of California.
 - These regulations will have no affect.

INITIAL DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON HOUSING COSTS

OSHPD has made an initial determination that this proposal would not have a significant effect on housing costs.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

OSHPD must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the state agency or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the agency would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action.

AVAILABILITY OF RULEMAKING DOCUMENTS

All of the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file, which is available for public review, by contacting the person named below. This notice, the express terms and initial statement of reasons can be accessed from the California Building Standards Commission website:

<http://www.bsc.ca.gov/>

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named below or at the California Building Standards Commission website.

CBSC CONTACT PERSON FOR PROCEDURAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS

General questions regarding procedural and administrative issues should be addressed to:

**[Insert name of assigned CBSC staff person and back-up person]
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95833**

**Telephone No.: (916) 263-0916
Facsimile No.: (916) 263-0959**

PROPOSING STATE AGENCY CONTACT PERSON FOR SUBSTANTIVE AND/OR TECHNICAL QUESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUILDING STANDARDS

Specific questions regarding the substantive and/or technical aspects of the proposed changes to the building standards should be addressed to:

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