NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES
TO
BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE
OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 5

Health Facility Construction

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 5. OSHPD is proposing building standards related to health facilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The California Building Standards Commission on behalf of OSHPD 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.

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 & Safety Code Section 18949.3. The purpose of these building standards is to implement, interpret, and make specific the provisions of Health & Safety Code Sections 1226, 1275, 129790 and 129850. OSHPD is proposing this regulatory action based on Health and Safety Code 129850.

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 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

Title 24, Part 5, 2010 California Plumbing Code (CPC), is based on the 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code with California amendments. The CPC contains plumbing system requirements for hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, licensed clinics and correctional treatment centers.

Summary of Effect

The proposed regulations make a correct reference to the California Building Code for consistency within the code. Additionally, technical and editorial modifications to Table 4-2 – Minimum Plumbing Facilities are being proposed that will provide clarity and consistency within the code.

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

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

Policy Statement Overview
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

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**

Estimate: N/A

INITIAL DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES

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

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.

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

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 REPRESENTIVE 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:

Glenn S.A. Gall, Health Facilities Review Supervisor
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