

INITIAL 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

ADOPTION OF THE 2011 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE

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:

OVERVIEW

The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development OSHPD is mandated to adopt the most recent edition of model code, as amended by the Office, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 18928. This rulemaking represents OSHPD's proposal to adopt the 2011 National Electrical Code (NEC) published by the National Fire Protection Association carrying forward specified existing California amendments of the 2010 California Electrical Code (CBC); and amending sections regarding acute care hospital facilities service space.

Articles 404.4

404.4(C) Modify amendment for switches: switches in patient toilet room with shower shall be equipped with a weatherproof cover or be located outside of the room.

Article 406.9

Article 406.9(C) Modify the (2010 CEC 406.8(C)) amendment for receptacles: receptacles will not be allowed inside of the toilet room with open shower since the patient could be standing in water in every part of the toilet room.

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

There are no documents to identify.

CONSIDERATION OF REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES

No reasonable alternatives exist.

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

No adverse impact on small business.

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

No adverse impact on business.

DUPLICATION OR CONFLICTS WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Not applicable.