

**UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST
FOR
PROPOSED ELECTRICAL STANDARDS
OF THE
DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT – ACCESS COMPLIANCE (DSA-AC)
REGARDING 2010 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE (CEC)
ARTICLE 89 - CA ADMINISTRATION
ARTICLE 404 - SWITCHES
ARTICLE 406 - RECEPTACLES, CORD CONNECTORS, AND ATTACHMENT PLUGS (CAPS)
ARTICLE 760 - FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 3**

The Division of the State Architect – Access Compliance (DSA-AC) finds that NO REVISIONS have been made which would warrant a change to the informative digest contained in the Notice for Article 89 – CA Administration, Article 404 – Switches, Article 406 – Receptacles, Cord connectors, and Attachment Plugs (CAPS), Article 760 – Fire Alarm Systems, California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 3.

Summary of the Immediately Preceding Laws

State Building Standards Law, H&SC Sections 18929 and 18930 require that building standards, including regulations that apply directly to the implementation or enforcement of building standards, be forwarded to CBSC for adoption and/or approval. H&SC Section 18929.1 requires CBSC to receive the building standards from state agencies for consideration in an annual code adoption cycle.

Each regulation shall be adopted in compliance with the procedures specified in H&SC Section 18930 and in GC, Title 2, Division 3, Chapter 3.5, Article 5 (commencing with Section 11346). H&SC Sections 18949.1, 18949.2, 18949.3 and 18949.5 transfer the responsibilities to CBSC for adopting regulations relating to electrical standards proposed by DSA-AC. Under the authority granted by these provisions of law, CBSC proposes this rulemaking.

CBSC is charged with the responsibility to adopt regulations that ensure adequate public participation in the development of electrical standards prior to submittal to the Commission for adoption and/or approval. In addition, the law requires that the regulations ensure adequate technical review of the proposed electrical standards by advisory bodies appointed by CBSC. The proposed electrical standards being noticed were reviewed by advisory bodies of the Commission July 7, 2009 in Sacramento, California. The recommendations made by these committees may be incorporated into the express terms.

Summary of the Immediately Preceding Regulations

Existing electrical 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 3, and are based on provisions within the adopted model electrical code (2005 National Electrical Code).

Summary of Effect

The proposed action would ensure that the State Architect's regulations and electrical standards published in CCR, Title 24, Part 3, 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 to implement the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336), consistent with GC§ 4450(c).