

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 10, 2007

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1045**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Richardson**

February 22, 2007

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An act to add Section 142.8 to the Labor Code, relating to working conditions.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1045, as amended, Richardson. ~~Working~~ *Occupational safety and health: working conditions.*

~~Existing law provides that the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board is to adopt occupational safety and health standards. The existing California Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973 was enacted to assure safe and healthful working conditions by authorizing the enforcement of effective standards, assisting and encouraging employers to maintain safe and healthful working conditions, and by providing for research, information, education, training, and enforcement in the field of occupational safety and health. The Occupational Safety and Health Board, an independent entity within the Department of Industrial Relations, has exclusive authority to adopt occupational safety and health standards within the state.~~

~~This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to require the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board, by July 1, 2008, to adopt a standard, as specified, to protect workers from being exposed to excessive heat indoors.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 142.8 is added to the Labor Code, to read:

2     142.8. (a) *On or before July 1, 2008, the board shall adopt*  
3 *an occupational and health standard for controlling the risk of*  
4 *occurrence of heat illness where employees work indoors. The*  
5 *standard must, at a minimum, require every employer to establish,*  
6 *implement, and maintain written procedures to recognize the*  
7 *symptoms of, assure medical treatment for, and prevent the*  
8 *occurrence of, heat illness.*

9     (b) *Written procedures must include provisions addressing the*  
10 *following issues:*

- 11     (1) *Hazard identification.*
- 12     (2) *Mechanical or automatic workplace monitoring.*
- 13     (3) *Hazard prevention, control, and correction.*
- 14     (4) *Preventive rest and relief periods in areas that are shady*  
15 *or that are actively or passively cooled.*
- 16     (5) *Provision of water.*
- 17     (6) *Communication and notification availability.*
- 18     (7) *Acclimatization, including access to water.*
- 19     (8) *Emergency medical response.*
- 20     (9) *Medical services and first aid.*
- 21     (10) *Training in heat illness, and injury detection and*  
22 *prevention, for both supervisors and employees.*

23     ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to require the~~  
24 ~~Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board to adopt a~~  
25 ~~standard to protect workers from being exposed to excessive heat~~  
26 ~~indoors.~~