

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1867

Introduced by Assembly Member Pan

February 22, 2012

An act to amend Section 1279.7 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1867, as introduced, Pan. Health facilities. equipment standards. Existing law, to become operative 36 months after specified prescribed standards are developed, or January 1, 2014, whichever occurs first, prohibits certain health facilities from using an epidural connection that would fit into a connection port other than the type for which it was intended, unless an emergency or urgent situation exists and the prohibition impairs the ability to provide health care. Existing law, to become operative 24 months after specified prescribed standards are developed, or January 1, 2013, whichever occurs first, prohibits these health facilities from using an intravenous or enteral connection that would fit into a connection port other than the type for which it was intended, unless an emergency or urgent situation exists and the prohibition impairs the ability to provide health care. Existing law requires the Advanced Medical Technology Association to report annually to the Legislature on the progress of the development of those standards.

This bill would revise the prohibition to instead refer to epidural, intravenous, and enteral connectors.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 1279.7 of the Health and Safety Code is
2 amended to read:
3 1279.7. (a) A health facility, as defined in subdivision (a), (b),
4 (c), or (f) of Section 1250, shall implement a facility-wide hand
5 hygiene program.
6 (b) Commencing 36 months after the publication of a new design
7 standard for ~~connections~~ *connectors* for epidural applications by
8 the International Organization for Standardization, or January 1,
9 2014, whichever occurs first, a health facility, as defined in
10 subdivision (a), (b), (c), or (f) of Section 1250, is prohibited from
11 using an epidural ~~connection~~ *connector* that would fit into a
12 ~~connection port~~ *connector* other than the type it was intended for,
13 unless an emergency or urgent situation exists and the prohibition
14 would impair the ability to provide health care.
15 (c) Commencing 24 months after the publication of a new design
16 standard for ~~connections~~ *connectors* for intravenous or enteral
17 applications by the International Organization for Standardization,
18 or January 1, 2013, whichever occurs first, a health facility, as
19 defined in subdivision (a), (b), (c), or (f) of Section 1250, is
20 prohibited from using an intravenous ~~connection~~ *connector* or an
21 enteral feeding ~~connection~~ *connector* that would fit into a
22 ~~connection port~~ *connector* other than the type it was intended for,
23 unless an emergency or urgent situation exists and the prohibition
24 would impair the ability to provide health care.
25 (d) The Advanced Medical Technology Association shall, on
26 January 1 of each year until the standards are developed, provide
27 the Legislature with a report on the progress of the International
28 Organization for Standardization in developing new design
29 standards for ~~connections~~ *connectors* for intravenous, epidural, or
30 enteral applications.
31 (e) A health facility that is required to develop a patient safety
32 plan pursuant to Section 1279.6 shall include in the patient safety
33 plan measures to prevent adverse events associated with
34 misconnecting intravenous, enteral feeding, and epidural lines.
35 This subdivision shall become inoperative as to epidural
36 ~~connections~~ *connectors* upon the operative date of subdivision (b)

- 1 and as to intravenous and enteral ~~connections~~ *connectors* upon the
- 2 operative date of subdivision (c).

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