
Introduced by Senator De León

February 16, 2011

An act to add Section 6714 to the Labor Code, relating to workplace safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 432, as introduced, De León. Workplace safety: lodging establishments: housekeeping.

Existing law establishes the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board within the Department of Industrial Relations and requires the standards board to adopt and enforce all occupational safety and health standards. Under existing law, a knowing or negligent violation of any standard is a misdemeanor.

This bill would require the standards board to adopt a standard relating to housekeeping in lodging establishments, as specified.

Because this bill would create a new crime, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 6714 is added to the Labor Code, to read:

1 6714. (a) The standards board shall, no later than September
2 1, 2012, adopt an occupational safety and health standard for
3 lodging establishment housekeeping. The standard shall apply to
4 all hotels, motels, and other lodging establishments in California.
5 The standard shall require all of the following:

6 (1) The use of a fitted sheet, instead of a flat sheet, as the bottom
7 sheet on all beds within the lodging establishment. For the purpose
8 of this section, a “fitted sheet” means a bed sheet containing elastic
9 or similar material sewn into each of the four corners that allows
10 the sheet to stay in place over the mattress.

11 (2) The use of long-handled tools such as mops or similar
12 devices in order to eliminate the practice by housekeepers of
13 working in a stooped, kneeling, or squatting position in order to
14 clean bathroom floors, walls, tubs, toilets, and other bathroom
15 surfaces.

16 (b) The standard established pursuant to this section is not
17 subject to a permanent variance pursuant to Section 143.

18 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
19 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
20 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
21 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
22 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
23 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
24 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
25 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
26 Constitution.