

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 845

Introduced by Assembly Member Cooley

February 21, 2013

An act to amend Section 24522 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to infant safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 845, as introduced, Cooley. Shaken baby syndrome.

Existing law requires that information and instructional materials regarding shaken baby syndrome be provided free of charge by each health facility to parents or guardians of each newborn, upon discharge from the health facility.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

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 24522 of the Health and Safety Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 24522. (a) Information and instructional materials as described
- 4 in Section 24521 shall be provided free of charge by each health
- 5 facility to parents or guardians of each newborn, upon discharge
- 6 from the health facility. In the event of *a* home birth attended by
- 7 a licensed midwife, the midwife shall provide the information and
- 8 instructional materials to the parents or guardians of the newborn.

- 1 (b) The State Department of Social Services shall provide the
- 2 information and instructional materials free of charge to child care
- 3 providers upon licensure and at the time of *a* site visit.
- 4 (c) The information and instructional materials provided
- 5 pursuant to this section shall focus upon the serious nature of the
- 6 risk to infants and young children presented by shaken baby
- 7 syndrome.
- 8 (d) The requirement that informational and instructional
- 9 materials be provided pursuant to this section applies only ~~when~~
- 10 *if* those materials have been supplied to those persons or entities
- 11 that are required to provide the materials. The persons or entities
- 12 required to provide these materials shall not be subject to any legal
- 13 cause of action whatsoever based on the requirements of this
- 14 section.
- 15 (e) For persons or agencies providing these materials pursuant
- 16 to this section, this section does not require the provision of
- 17 duplicative or redundant informational and instructional materials.