

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2297

Introduced by Assembly Member Levine

February 21, 2014

An act to add Section 1250.07 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to health facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2297, as introduced, Levine. Health facilities: fuel cell generators. Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of health facilities by the State Department of Public Health. A violation of these provisions is a crime. Existing law requires certain health facilities to test diesel backup generators in accordance with specified provisions.

This bill would authorize these health facilities to use fuel cell backup generators, as defined, if the technology is as reliable and safe as diesel backup generators. The bill would specify that the crime provision described above does not apply to this authorization.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1250.07 is added to the Health and Safety
2 Code, to read:
3 1250.07. (a) (1) A health facility, as defined in subdivision
4 (e) of Section 41514.1, may use fuel cell backup generators if the
5 technology is at least as reliable and safe as diesel backup
6 generators.

- 1 (2) For purposes of this section, a “fuel cell backup generator”
- 2 means a backup generator that electrochemically converts fuel to
- 3 electric energy.
- 4 (b) Section 1290 does not apply to this section.