

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 574

Introduced by Assembly Member Patterson

February 24, 2015

An act to amend Section 1255.5 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 574, as introduced, Patterson. General acute care hospitals: cardiac catheterization.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of health facilities, including general acute care hospitals, administered by the State Department of Public Health. Existing law authorizes the department to approve, as prescribed, a general acute care hospital to offer cardiac surgery and cardiac catheterization services, as defined, if specified requirements are met. A violation of these provisions is a crime.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those 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 1255.5 of the Health and Safety Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 1255.5. For purposes of Section 1255, the following definitions
- 4 apply:

1 (a) “Cardiac catheterization” includes an intravascular insertion
2 of a catheter into the heart for the primary definition and diagnosis
3 of an anatomic cardiac lesion. For the purposes of this definition,
4 the insertion of a Swan-Ganz thermodilution cardiac output
5 catheter, a venous line, and a temporary pacemaking electrode
6 catheter are excluded.

7 (b) “Cardiac surgery” means surgery on the heart or great vessels
8 requiring a thoracotomy and extracorporeal circulation.

9 (c) “Cardiovascular surgery service” means a program of a
10 general acute care hospital—~~which~~ *that* has the capability of
11 performing cardiac catheterizations and cardiac surgery as defined
12 in this section. Under no circumstances shall there exist in a general
13 acute care hospital a cardiac surgery service without a cardiac
14 catheterization laboratory service.

15 (d) “Cardiac catheterization laboratory service” means a program
16 of a general acute care hospital—~~which~~ *that* has the capability of
17 performing cardiac catheterization. Cardiac catheterization
18 laboratory service does not include pediatric cardiac catheterization
19 laboratory service.

20 (e) “Pediatric cardiac surgery service” means a program of a
21 general acute care hospital—~~which~~ *that* has the capability of
22 performing cardiac catheterization and cardiac surgery, as defined
23 in this section, for the diagnosis and treatment of congenital defects
24 in children. Cardiac catheterization for pediatric patients shall be
25 performed only in a general acute care hospital that has the
26 capability to perform cardiac surgery on pediatric patients.

27 (f) “Intensive care newborn nursery services” means the
28 provision of comprehensive and intensive care for all contingencies
29 of the newborn infant, including intensive, intermediate, and
30 continuing care. Policies, procedures, and space requirements for
31 intensive, intermediate, and continuing care services shall be based
32 upon the standards and recommendations of the American
33 Academy of Pediatrics Guidelines for Perinatal Care, 1983.