

Assembly Bill No. 263

CHAPTER 192

An act to add and repeal Section 130021 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to hospital facilities, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 263, Gallegos. Hospital facilities: California Building Standards Commission: regulatory submissions.

The Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1983 establishes, under the jurisdiction of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, a program of seismic safety building standards for certain hospitals built on and after March 7, 1973. The act requires the office to submit information regarding seismic standards and procedures to the California Building Standards Commission, and provides that these submissions shall be deemed as emergency regulations and adopted as such.

This bill would require that, until January 1, 2001, all regulatory submissions to the California Building Standards Commission made by the office pursuant to provisions relating to state responsibilities for seismic safety in hospitals and hospital owner responsibilities be deemed to be emergency regulations and adopted as such.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

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

SECTION 1. Section 130021 is added to the Health and Safety Code to read:

130021. (a) All regulatory submissions to the California Building Standards Commission made by the office pursuant to this article and Article 9 (commencing with Section 130050) shall be deemed to be emergency regulations and shall be adopted as such.

(b) This article shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2001, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2001, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order that regulations relating to seismic safety in hospitals take effect at the earliest possible time, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

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