

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires hospital have written safe patient handling policy. Provides definitions. Requires hospital safety committee report annually to Department of Consumer and Business Services specific data on disabling compensable injuries. Effective date February 1, 2015.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Related musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs)
- Existing safe lifting programs
- Reductions in injuries
- Current hospital safe patient handling requirement
- 2001 SAIF pilot safe patient handling project
- Proposed amendments

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces original measure.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2001, State Accident Insurance Fund (SAIF) implemented a safe patient handling pilot project. The project focused on lift equipment and the proper safe patient handling. Results of the project indicated 65 percent fewer patient-handling injuries and 84 percent lower costs from those claims. Participants of the project stated, “This is safer for the caregivers and the residents, and that helps in attracting employees, but attracts prospective residents; and reduces claims and injuries.”

Senate Bill 572-A directs hospitals to have a safe patient handling policy, and that the hospital safety committee report annually to Department of Consumer and Business Services the rate of claims on disabling compensable injuries for the hospital and the aggregate rate for all hospitals.

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