



American Industrial Hygiene Association

State Legislative Summary Topic: Ergonomics/Safe Patient Handling

Date: September 19, 2011

Note: The following bills are those AIHA national is, or has been, monitoring.

CA A 1136

AUTHOR:	Swanson (D)
TITLE:	Employment Safety: Health Facilities
DISPOSITION:	To Governor
LOCATION:	To enrollment
SUMMARY:	Amends Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973. Requires an employer to maintain a safe patient handling policy for patient care units and to provide trained lift teams or staff trained in safety lifting techniques in general acute care hospitals, except for specific hospitals. Requires the adoption of a patient protection and health care worker back and musculoskeletal injury prevention plan to include a safe patient handling component to protect patients and health care workers in health facilities.
STATUS:	02/18/2011 INTRODUCED. 03/17/2011 To ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT. 04/06/2011 From ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT with author's amendments. 04/06/2011 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT. 04/26/2011 From ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT with author's amendments. 04/26/2011 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT. 05/04/2011 From ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT: Do pass. 05/09/2011 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To third reading. 05/31/2011 In ASSEMBLY. Read third time and amended. To third reading. 06/02/2011 In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE. 06/16/2011 To SENATE Committees on LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS and APPROPRIATIONS.

06/20/2011	From SENATE Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS with author's amendments.
06/20/2011	In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS.
06/22/2011	From SENATE Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
07/05/2011	From SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS with author's amendments.
07/05/2011	In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
07/11/2011	In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspense File.
08/15/2011	From SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS with author's amendments.
08/15/2011	In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
08/25/2011	From SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Do pass.
08/29/2011	In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.
09/06/2011	In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY for concurrence.
09/08/2011	In ASSEMBLY. ASSEMBLY concurred in SENATE amendments. To enrollment.

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IL H 1684

SPONSOR: Golar (D)

COSPONSOR(S): Bellock (R), Holbrook (D), Lang (D), Cunningham (D), Jackson (D), Riley (D), Cole (R), Nekritz (D), Brauer (R), Currie (D), Williams A (D), Holmes (D)

TITLE: Safe Patient Handling

DISPOSITION: Enacted

LOCATION: Chaptered

SUMMARY: Amends the Hospital Licensing Act; relates to safe patient handling policies; sets forth definitions for safe lifting equipment and accessories and safe lifting team; makes changes to the provision concerning the minimum requirements of a hospital's policy with regard to strategies to control the risk of injury to patients and nurses and other health care workers associated with the lifting, transferring, repositioning, or movement of a patient.

02/15/2011	INTRODUCED.
02/16/2011	To HOUSE Committee on RULES.
02/22/2011	To HOUSE Committee on HEALTH CARE LICENSES.
STATUS: 03/16/2011	From HOUSE Committee on HEALTH CARE LICENSES: Do pass.
03/16/2011	In HOUSE. Placed on Short Debate Calendar Second Reading.
03/31/2011	In HOUSE. Amendment No. 1 filed. Referred to RULES.
04/04/2011	From HOUSE Committee on HEALTH CARE LICENSES: Approved

	for consideration - Amendment No. 1.
04/05/2011	In HOUSE. Read second time. Adopted Amendment No. 1.
04/05/2011	In HOUSE. Placed on Short Debate Calendar Third Reading.
04/07/2011	In HOUSE. Read third time. Passed HOUSE. *****To SENATE.
04/08/2011	To SENATE Committee on ASSIGNMENTS.
04/27/2011	To SENATE Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH.
05/04/2011	From SENATE Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH: Do pass.
05/04/2011	In SENATE. Placed on Calendar Order Second Reading.
05/05/2011	In SENATE. Read second time.
05/05/2011	In SENATE. Placed on Calendar Order Third Reading.
05/17/2011	In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE.
05/17/2011	Passed Both Houses.
06/15/2011	*****To GOVERNOR.
07/14/2011	Signed by GOVERNOR.
07/14/2011	Public Act No. 122
Date:	11
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MA H 1484

DOCKET:	1709
AUTHOR:	Garlick (D)
TITLE:	Safe Patient Handling Policy
DISPOSITION:	Pending
LOCATION:	Joint Committee on Public Health
SUMMARY:	Provides that certain health facilities be directed to establish a safe patient handling policy, so-called.
	01/20/2011 INTRODUCED.
STATUS:	01/20/2011 Filed as House Docket 1709
	02/16/2011 To JOINT Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH.
Date:	11
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MA HD 1709

DOCKET:	1484
AUTHOR:	Garlick (D)
TITLE:	Safe Patient Handling in Certain Health Facilities
DISPOSITION:	Pending
LOCATION:	HOUSE
SUMMARY:	Relates to safe patient handling in certain health facilities.

STATUS: 01/20/2011 FILED.
01/20/2011 Assigned HOUSE Bill No. 1484
Date: 11
Issue: Ergonomics

MA S 1076

DOCKET: 689
AUTHOR: Chandler (D)
TITLE: Safe Patient Handling
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Joint Committee on Public Health
SUMMARY: Provides for safe patient handling.
01/20/2011 INTRODUCED.
STATUS: 01/20/2011 Filed as Senate Docket 689
01/24/2011 To JOINT Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH.
Date: 11
Issue: Ergonomics

ME H 359

LD: 466
AUTHOR: Celli (R)
TITLE: Hospitals and Employee Illness Programs
DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned
LOCATION: Died
SUMMARY: Requires hospitals to adopt employee illness and Injury Prevention Programs and to provide lift teams and to require reduced workers compensation insurance rates for those hospitals.
02/09/2011 INTRODUCED.
02/09/2011 Filed as LR 696
02/10/2011 HOUSE refers to JOINT Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.
STATUS: 02/10/2011 SENATE refers to JOINT Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES in concurrence.
04/15/2011 From JOINT Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES: Ought Not to Pass.
04/28/2011 HOUSE adopts Majority Committee Report: Ought not to pass.
04/28/2011 SENATE adopts Majority Committee Report: Ought not to pass.
Date: 11
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MI H 4128

SPONSOR: Jacobsen (R)
TITLE: Ergonomic Regulations
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: House Regulatory Reform Committee
SUMMARY: Prohibits ergonomic regulations under certain circumstances.
 01/20/2011 INTRODUCED.
STATUS: 01/20/2011 To HOUSE Committee on REGULATORY REFORM.
Date: 11
Issue: Ergonomics

MI S 20

SPONSOR: Jones Ri (R)
TITLE: Workplace Ergonomics
DISPOSITION: Enacted
LOCATION: Chaptered
SUMMARY: Prohibits promulgation of rules regarding workplace ergonomics; provides that a department, board, or commission authorized to promulgate rules relative to occupational and construction health and safety shall not promulgate a rule or establish a standard regarding workplace ergonomics but may provide guidance, best practices information, or assistance for the voluntary implementation or practice of a workplace ergonomics program.
 01/19/2011 INTRODUCED.
 01/19/2011 To SENATE Committee on ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
 02/10/2011 From SENATE Committee on ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Recommended as substitute (S-1)
 02/10/2011 In SENATE. To second reading.
 02/10/2011 In SENATE. Read second time and committee substitute adopted. (S-1) To third reading.
 02/10/2011 In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To HOUSE.
 02/10/2011 To HOUSE Committee on REGULATORY REFORM.
STATUS: 02/16/2011 From HOUSE Committee on REGULATORY REFORM: Reported with recommendation with substitute. (H-1)
 02/16/2011 In HOUSE. To second reading.
 02/23/2011 In HOUSE. Read second time and committee substitute adopted. (H-1) To third reading.
 02/24/2011 In HOUSE. Read third time. Passed HOUSE. *****To SENATE for concurrence.
 03/08/2011 SENATE concurred in HOUSE amendments.
 03/08/2011 Ordered Enrolled.
 03/11/2011 *****To GOVERNOR.
 03/22/2011 Signed by GOVERNOR.

03/24/2011 Public Act No. 10

Date: 11
Issue: Ergonomics

MO S 39

SPONSOR: Wright-Jones (D)
TITLE: Hospital Patient Safety
DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned
LOCATION: Senate Health, Mental Health, Seniors and Families Committee
SUMMARY: Modifies provisions relating to hospital patient safety; provides that each hospital is required to establish a patient safety committee to design and recommend the process for implementing a safe patient handling program.
12/01/2010 PREFILED.
STATUS: 01/05/2011 INTRODUCED.
01/12/2011 To SENATE Committee on HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, SENIORS AND FAMILIES.
Date: 11
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MS HR 11

AUTHOR: Evans J (D)
TITLE: Ergonomic Practices
DISPOSITION: Failed
LOCATION: Died
SUMMARY: Urges businesses and industries to help protect the health, well-being and investment made in the state's workforce by implementing ergonomic practices and programs proven to prevent and relieve musculoskeletal disorders.
01/17/2011 INTRODUCED.
STATUS: 01/17/2011 To HOUSE Committee on RULES.
04/07/2011 Died in committee.
Date: 11
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MS S 2148

AUTHOR: Dearing (D)
TITLE: Patient Safety Act
DISPOSITION: Failed
LOCATION: Died
SUMMARY: Enacts the Mississippi Patient Safety Act; requires the development of a patient safety program for hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers and mental hospitals; requires hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers and mental hospitals to annually

report to the state health officer a listing of certain errors or occurrences; provides whistle-blower protection to certain employees.

STATUS: 01/04/2011 INTRODUCED.
01/04/2011 To SENATE Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.
02/01/2011 Died in committee.

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NY A 664

SPONSOR: Gottfried (D)
TITLE: Ceiling Lifts in Hospitals and Nursing Homes
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY: Requires installation and use of ceiling lifts in hospitals and nursing homes.

STATUS: 01/04/2011 PREFILED.
01/04/2011 To ASSEMBLY Committee on HEALTH.
01/05/2011 INTRODUCED.
01/05/2011 To ASSEMBLY Committee on HEALTH.
05/10/2011 From ASSEMBLY Committee on HEALTH.
05/18/2011 Amended on ASSEMBLY floor.

Date: 11
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NY A 1370

SPONSOR: Lancman (D)
TITLE: Safe Patient Handling Act
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Rules Committee
SUMMARY: Enacts the "safe patient handling act".

STATUS: 01/05/2011 INTRODUCED.
01/05/2011 To ASSEMBLY Committee on HEALTH.
01/19/2011 From ASSEMBLY Committee on HEALTH.
01/19/2011 To ASSEMBLY Committee on CODES.
02/16/2011 Amended in ASSEMBLY Committee on CODES.
05/03/2011 From ASSEMBLY Committee on CODES.
05/03/2011 To ASSEMBLY Committee on WAYS AND MEANS.
06/01/2011 From ASSEMBLY Committee on WAYS AND MEANS.
06/01/2011 To ASSEMBLY Committee on RULES.
06/14/2011 From ASSEMBLY Committee on RULES.

06/15/2011 Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE.
06/15/2011 To SENATE Committee on RULES.
Date: 11
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NY A 7772

SPONSOR: Gunther (D)
TITLE: Safe Patient Handling Demonstration Program
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY: Provides for an extension of 2 years for the safe patient handling demonstration program.
05/16/2011 INTRODUCED.
05/16/2011 To ASSEMBLY Committee on HEALTH.
06/02/2011 From ASSEMBLY Committee on HEALTH.
STATUS: 06/02/2011 To ASSEMBLY Committee on WAYS AND MEANS.
06/06/2011 From ASSEMBLY Committee on WAYS AND MEANS.
06/06/2011 To ASSEMBLY Committee on RULES.
06/14/2011 From ASSEMBLY Committee on RULES.
06/15/2011 Substituted by S 5569.
Date: 11
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NY A 7844

SPONSOR: Lancman (D)
TITLE: Housekeeper Injury Prevention Act
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Labor Committee
SUMMARY: Enacts the "Housekeeper Injury Prevention Act" requiring the use of fitted bed sheets in hotel and motel rooms.
05/19/2011 INTRODUCED.
STATUS: 05/19/2011 To ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR.
Date: 11
Issue: Ergonomics

NY A 7910

SPONSOR: Lancman (D)
TITLE: Hotel Worker Protection Act
DISPOSITION: Pending

LOCATION: Assembly Rules Committee
SUMMARY: Enacts the hotel worker protection act requiring hotel and motel employers to provide personal devices to certain hotel and motel employees for the protection of hotel and motel workers.
05/23/2011 INTRODUCED.
05/23/2011 To ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR.
06/01/2011 Amended in ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR.
06/06/2011 Amended in ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR.
STATUS: 06/14/2011 From ASSEMBLY Committee on LABOR.
06/14/2011 To ASSEMBLY Committee on CODES.
06/16/2011 From ASSEMBLY Committee on CODES.
06/16/2011 To ASSEMBLY Committee on RULES.
Date: 11
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NY S 217

SPONSOR: Maziarz (R)
TITLE: Safe Patient Handling Task Force
DISPOSITION: Failed
LOCATION: Senate Health Committee
SUMMARY: Creates the New York state safe patient handling task force.
12/13/2010 PREFILED.
12/13/2010 To SENATE Committee on HEALTH.
STATUS: 01/05/2011 INTRODUCED.
01/05/2011 To SENATE Committee on HEALTH.
06/07/2011 Enacting clause stricken.
Date: 11
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NY S 239

SPONSOR: Maziarz (R)
TITLE: Ceiling Lifts in Hospitals
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Health Committee
SUMMARY: Requires installation and use of ceiling lifts in hospitals and nursing homes.
12/13/2010 PREFILED.
12/13/2010 To SENATE Committee on HEALTH.
STATUS: 01/05/2011 INTRODUCED.
01/05/2011 To SENATE Committee on HEALTH.

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NY S 2470

SPONSOR: Maziarz (R)
TITLE: New York State Safe Patient Handling Task Force
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Finance Committee
SUMMARY: Creates the New York state safe patient handling task force.
01/21/2011 INTRODUCED.
01/21/2011 To SENATE Committee on HEALTH.
STATUS: 02/16/2011 Amended in SENATE Committee on HEALTH.
06/02/2011 From SENATE Committee on HEALTH.
06/02/2011 To SENATE Committee on FINANCE.
Date: 11
Issue: Ergonomics

NY S 5569

SPONSOR: Maziarz (R)
TITLE: Safe Patient Handling Demonstration Program
DISPOSITION: Enacted
LOCATION: Chaptered
SUMMARY: Provides for an extension of the safe patient handling demonstration program.
06/02/2011 INTRODUCED.
06/02/2011 To SENATE Committee on HEALTH.
06/11/2011 Transferred to SENATE Committee on RULES.
06/13/2011 From SENATE Committee on RULES.
06/14/2011 Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.
STATUS: 06/14/2011 To ASSEMBLY Committee on WAYS AND MEANS.
06/15/2011 From ASSEMBLY Committee on WAYS AND MEANS.
06/15/2011 Substituted for A 7772.
06/15/2011 Passed ASSEMBLY.
07/22/2011 *****To GOVERNOR.
08/03/2011 Signed by GOVERNOR.
08/03/2011 Chapter No. 354
Date: 11
Issue: Ergonomics