


MEMORANDUM

DATE	June 2, 2017
TO	Board of Psychology
FROM	 Cherise Burns Central Services Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #12(b)(3)(J) – AB 451 (Arambula) Health Facilities: Emergency Services and Care

Background:

This bill would specify that an acute psychiatric hospital, regardless of whether it maintains an emergency department, is required to provide emergency care and services to relieve or eliminate a psychiatric emergency medical condition. The bill would also prohibit a general acute care hospital or an acute psychiatric hospital from requiring that a patient be under an involuntary treatment hold, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 5150, as a condition to accepting a transfer of the patient from another health facility. This bill would not apply to facilities operated by the Department of State Hospitals.

Location: Senate Committee on Health

Status: 5/24/2017 Referred to Senate Committee on Health

Votes: 5/15/2017 Assembly Floor (68-7-5)
5/3/2017 Assembly Committee on Appropriations (13-2-2)
4/04/2017 Assembly Committee on Health (14-1-0)

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch AB 451 (Arambula) for potential impacts on access to emergency mental health services for consumers experiencing a psychiatric emergency medical condition.