


## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	July 25, 2017
<b>TO</b>	Board of Psychology
<b>FROM</b>	 Cherise Burns Central Services Manager
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Agenda Item #5(b)(2)(J) – AB 451 (Arambula) Health Facilities: Emergency Services and Care

### **Background:**

This bill would specify that an acute psychiatric hospital, regardless of whether it operates 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, acute psychiatric hospital, or a psychiatric health facility 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 Appropriations

**Status:** 7/05/2017 Re-referred to Senate Committee on Appropriations

**Votes:** 6/28/2017 Senate Health (7-0-2)  
5/15/2017 Assembly Floor (68-7-5)  
5/03/2017 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.