

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 649

Introduced by Assembly Member Patterson

February 24, 2015

An act to add Section 118217 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to medical waste.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 649, as introduced, Patterson. Medical waste: law enforcement drug takeback programs.

Existing law, the Medical Waste Management Act, regulates the disposal of medical waste, including requiring medical waste to be treated by specified methods, including incineration in a controlled-air, multichamber incinerator, or other method of incineration approved by the department that provides complete combustion of the waste into carbonized or mineralized ash.

This bill would authorize a law enforcement agency that operates a prescription drug takeback program to utilize a prescription drug incinerator that does not comply with state law up to 4 times per year if the incinerator was purchased prior to January 1, 2018.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 118217 is added to the Health and Safety
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 118217. A law enforcement agency that operates a prescription
- 4 drug takeback program may utilize up to four times per year a

1 prescription drug incinerator that does not comply with this part
2 or other state law if the incinerator was purchased prior to January
3 1, 2018.

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