

BILL NUMBER: AB 1045
VETOED DATE: 10/13/2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1045 without my signature.

Two years ago, my Administration worked with the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Board) to adopt the nation's first outdoor heat regulations. Those regulations require employers to provide anyone working outdoors with appropriate training, provide sufficient quantities of water, and ensure access to shade. When the Board adopted those regulations it also said it would commence a review of indoor worksites.

The Board has conducted its review and is now considering the appropriate means of protecting indoor workers from excessive heat. This legislation, which proscribes specific requirements upon any regulation adopted by the Board, unnecessarily circumvents the Board's established rulemaking process. Just as the outdoor heat standards were adopted via the regulatory process and free of legislative interference, so too should any indoor heat standard be adopted.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger