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SB-1207 Skilled nursing facilities: backup power system. (2019-2020)

Senate: 1st Cmt 2nd Cmt 2nd 3rd Pass Pass Veto

Assembly: 1st Cmt 2nd Cmt 2nd 3rd Pass

Bill Status	
Measure:	SB-1207
Lead Authors:	Jackson (S)
Principal Coauthors:	-
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Topic:	Skilled nursing facilities: backup power system.
31st Day in Print:	03/22/20
Title:	An act to add Section 1418.22 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to health facilities.
House Location:	Senate
Enrolled Date:	09/02/20
Last Amended Date:	08/25/20

Type of Measure
Active Bill - In Floor Process
Majority Vote Required
Non-Appropriation
Fiscal Committee
Non-State-Mandated Local Program
Non-Urgency
Non-Tax levy

Last 5 History Actions	
Date	Action
11/30/20	Last day to consider Governor's veto pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.
09/25/20	In Senate. Consideration of Governor's veto pending.
09/25/20	Vetoed by the Governor.
09/08/20	Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 2 p.m.
08/31/20	Assembly amendments concurred in. (Ayes 37. Noes 1.) Ordered to engrossing and enrolling.

Governor's Veto Message

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1207 without my signature.

SB 1207 would require Skilled Nursing Facilities to have an alternative source of power for no less than 96 hours during any type of power outage.

Skilled Nursing Facilities are a central part of our system of care for vulnerable individuals. As such, it is important that they have sufficient emergency backup power in the event of a power interruption. However, this bill relies on an unclear federal standard as justification. Moreover, the timeline for implementing this bill is unfeasible given the need for significant renovations that facilities would need to complete to comply with this bill.

I am directing the California Department of Public Health and the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to convene a stakeholder group to ensure that relevant experts can fully assess alternatives and develop recommendations to appropriately address resident and staff safety in the event of a power shut-off by April 1, 2021. This approach will identify recommendations regarding an emergency power standard that protects patients and allows facilities to make necessary upgrades in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom