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Flush-O-Meter - Allows - 3 FLUSHES every 15 minutes
for a 'prison' toilet. No lid. 2 INMATES in a cell, the size
of a home bathroom or walkin closet.
- Wonder why so many inmates are SICK?



- Then Bring the same 'disease' out to society?

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COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
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Chapter 1 was added by Stats.1998, c. 867, § 1.

Cross References

Carrier of viral hepatitis, see Health and Safety Code § 1600.9.
Guidelines and regulations, risk of transmission of blood-borne infectious diseases, see Health and Safety Code § 1250.11.
Infectious diseases, medical tests, license applications or renewals, see Business and Professions Code § 18712.

§ 122400. Short title

This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the Hepatitis C Education, Screening, and Treatment Act.
(Added by Stats.1998, c. 867 (S.B.694), § 1.)

Health ☞383.
Westlaw Topic No. 198H.

Library References

C.J.S. Health and Environment §§ 28 to 34,
36 to 43.

§ 122405. Legislative findings and declaration

The Legislature hereby finds and declares all of the following:

- (a) Hepatitis C is classified as a silent killer, where no recognizable signs or symptoms occur until severe liver damage has occurred.
- (b) Hepatitis C has been characterized by the World Health Organization as a disease of primary concern to humanity.
- (c) Studies indicate that 1.8 percent of the population, nearly 4 million Americans, carry the virus HCV that causes hepatitis C. In California, as many as 500,000 individuals may be carriers and could develop the debilitating and potentially deadly liver disease associated with hepatitis C in their lifetime. An expert panel, convened in March by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), estimated that 30,000 acute new infections occur each year in the United States, and only 25 to 30 percent of those are diagnosed. Current data sources indicate that 8,000 to 10,000 Americans die from hepatitis C each year.
- (d) Studies also indicate that 39.4 percent of male inmates and 54.5 percent of female inmates in California correctional facilities have hepatitis C, 26 times

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higher than the general population. Upon their release from prison, these inmates present a significant health risk to the general population of California.

(e) It is the intent of the Legislature to study the adequacy of the health care delivery system as it pertains to hepatitis C.

(f) It is the intent of the Legislature to urge the department to make funds available to community-based nonprofit organizations for education and outreach with respect to the hepatitis C virus.

(Added by Stats.1998, c. 867 (S.B.694), § 1. Amended by Stats.2000, c. 754 (S.B.1256), § 1.)

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36 to 43.

§ 122406. Reports to Legislature; use of funds for education, screening, and treatment of veterans with hepatitis C virus

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall report to the Legislature on or before March 1, 2001, regarding the use of funds earmarked by the federal Veteran's Administration to regional offices in California to educate, screen, and treat veterans with the hepatitis C virus.
(Added by Stats.2000, c. 754 (S.B.1256), § 2.)

Health ☞383.
Westlaw Topic No. 198H.

Library References

C.J.S. Health and Environment §§ 28 to 34,
36 to 43.

§ 122410. Protocols and guidelines; supply to health care and community service providers

(a) The State Department of Health Services shall make available protocols and guidelines developed by the National Institutes of Health, the University of California at San Francisco, and California legislative advisory committees on hepatitis C for educating physicians and health professionals and training community service providers on the most recent scientific and medical information on hepatitis C detection, transmission, diagnosis, treatment, and therapeutic decisionmaking.

(b) The guidelines referenced in subdivision (a) may include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

- (1) Tracking and reporting of both acute and chronic cases of hepatitis C by public health officials.
- (2) A cost-efficient plan to screen the prison population and the medically indigent population in California.
- (3) Protocols within the Department of Corrections to enable that department to provide appropriate prevention and treatment to prisoners with hepatitis C.
- (4) Protocols for the education of correctional peace officers and other correctional workers who work with prisoners with hepatitis C.