

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, licensed hospitals are required to test patients for hepatitis B or C following accidental exposure of a health care worker to a patient's blood or other body fluids. As proposed, S.B. 401 clarifies that in the case of accidental exposure of a health care worker, the employing organization or the organization for which the person works as a volunteer is responsible for paying the cost of the test, not the person exposed.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 81.095(b), Health and Safety Code, to delete language referencing the person exposed as a person responsible for paying the costs of a test for hepatitis B or hepatitis C. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.