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HOUSE BILL NO. 1837

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MOLENDORP.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 292, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to workplace safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 292, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 292.655, to read as follows:

292.655. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

2 **(1) "Engineered injury protection device", a mechanical device or feature to a**
3 **device that renders the needle incapable of inflicting a needlestick injury either by:**

4 **(a) Destruction of the medical needle sharp metal point at the point of procedure**
5 **or use; or**

6 **(b) Covering the sharp end of the needle at the time the needle is removed from the**
7 **skin of the subject human or animal. Recapping the medical needle with the original**
8 **needle packaging cover is not considered an engineered injury protection device.**

9 **(2) "Medical needles", hypodermic needles or other similar hollow-bore needles,**
10 **syringes, or blood extraction apparatus with a primary function to penetrate the skin of**
11 **a living human or animal.**

12 **2. Employers that use medical needles in the routine course of conducting business**
13 **in the state shall use any commercially available engineered injury protection device that**
14 **can be reasonably expected to reduce the risk of accidental needlestick injuries to**
15 **employees, patients, or customers.**

16 **3. This section shall not apply to needles for sewing dead animal skins or parts, fish**
17 **hooks, gaffs, animal tags, or other similar sharp objects related to animals but unrelated**
18 **to healthcare or testing of live animals. This section shall not apply to veterinary care**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

19 **provided outside of a designated veterinary office, including but not limited to, a ranch or**
20 **private residence.**

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