

HB 1837 -- Workplace Safety

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This bill requires employers using medical needles in the routine course of business to use a commercially available mechanical device that renders the needle incapable of inflicting a needlestick, known as an engineered injury protection device, to reduce the risk of accidental needlestick injuries to employees, patients, or customers. An engineered injury protection device destructs a medical needle's sharp point at the point of a procedure or use or covers the sharp end of the needle at the time the needle is removed from the skin. It does not include recapping a needle with the original needle packaging cover. These provisions will not apply to veterinary care provided outside of a veterinary office.