

# LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

## SENATE BILL 483

## HAZMAT BUSINESS PLANS

**T**his bill amends California Health and Safety Code by making certain technical and clarifying changes regarding the Hazardous Materials Disclosure program with specific attention to the Business Plan requirements in the State of California. The provisions in this bill take effect **January 1, 2014**, with certain exceptions noted below, and are enforceable at that time. The provisions in the bill are summarized as follows:

1. Requires that businesses submit training and response plans electronically.
2. Requires that a site plan, containing all of the listed elements below, be submitted with a Business Plan. **(Effective January 1, 2015)**
  - a. North orientation
  - b. Loading areas
  - c. Internal roads
  - d. Adjacent streets
  - e. Storm and sewer drains
  - f. Access and exit points
  - g. Emergency shutoffs
  - h. Evacuation staging areas
  - i. Hazardous material handling and storage areas
  - j. Emergency response equipment
3. Updated language to make 55 gallon threshold apply to liquids only and 500 pound threshold apply to solids only.
4. Defined compressed gas as a gas or cryogenic fluid found in the California Fire Code or a substance that is regulated pursuant to Part 1 (commencing with Section 6300) of Division 5 of the Labor Code. Compressed gasses shall be reported in cubic feet.
  - a. A substance which is a gas at 68° F or less at 14.7psia (room temperature at sea level)
  - b. A substance which has a boiling point of 68° F or less at 14.7psia (sea level) which is either liquefied or nonliquefied
  - c. Substances **are not** considered compressed gasses if they have no health or hazardous physical properties until the pressure exceeds 41psia at 68° F (room temperature)
  - d. Cryogenic fluids are substances with boiling points lower than 130° F at 14.7psia (sea level)
3. Requires new businesses to submit a Business Plan within 30 days of beginning operations.
4. Requires an update to the Business Plan to be submitted after a substantial change in the handler's operations occurs that requires modification to any portion of the business plan.
5. Clarifies that at least once every 12 months, the business owner, operator, or officially designated representative shall review and certify that the electronically submitted Business Plan is correct.
  - a. Clarifies that the submission of a new Business Plan satisfies this requirement

