

HB 0017

2004

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to prevention and control of communicable
3 diseases; amending s. 381.003, F.S.; requiring the
4 Department of Health to adopt certain standards applicable
5 to all public sector employers; requiring the compilation
6 and maintenance of certain information by the department
7 for use by employers; providing an effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Subsection (3) is added to section 381.003,
12 Florida Statutes, to read:

13 381.003 Communicable disease and AIDS prevention and
14 control.--

15 (3) The department shall by rule adopt the blood-borne-
16 pathogen standard set forth in subpart Z of 29 C.F.R. part 1910,
17 as amended by Pub. L. No. 106-430, which shall apply to all
18 public sector employers. The department shall compile and
19 maintain a list of existing needleless systems and sharps with
20 engineered sharps-injury protection which shall be available to
21 assist employers, including the department and the Department of
22 Corrections, in complying with the applicable requirements of
23 the blood-borne-pathogen standard. The list may be developed
24 from existing sources of information, including, without
25 limitation, the United States Food and Drug Administration, the
26 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Occupational
27 Safety and Health Administration, and the United States
28 Department of Veterans Affairs.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.