

# The Facts about California Law AB 127

California Gov. Jerry Brown recently signed into law AB 127, which requires a review of flammability standards for all building insulation materials used in the state. Unfortunately, some people have mischaracterized the law. Here's the truth about what AB 127 does and does not do:

## AB 127 DOES:

- 1 **Direct the State Fire Marshal**, in consultation with the California Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair, Home Furnishings, and Thermal Insulation, to reassess flammability standards for all building insulation materials
- 2 **Allow the State Fire Marshal**, after this review, to propose updated flammability standards to the California Building Standards Commission by July 1, 2015
- 3 **State that the California Building Standards Commission** would decide independently whether to adopt or reject any proposal from the State Fire Marshal
- 4 **Emphasize that any proposal** must maintain stringent fire safety standards

## AB 127 DOES NOT:

- 1 **Change current building codes** or flammability standards for building materials
- 2 **Ban the use of flame retardants** in foam insulation sold in California
- 3 **Comment on the effectiveness** of chemical flame retardants



Flame retardants in foam insulation serve a vital role in fire safety and provide an important layer of protection to people, homes and buildings. The emphasis on fire prevention codified in AB 127 is appropriate to protect Californians and help maintain high standards of fire safety.

The Energy Efficient Foam Coalition (EEFC) believes that the State Fire Marshal's reassessment will validate the existing flammability standards. EEFC looks forward to extensive consultation with the State Fire Marshal and others to validate the existing flammability standards and explore potential improvements.

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