



VOTE NO ON AB 263 Unless Amended

AB 263 (Rodriguez) places patient care at risk by seeking to restrict or eliminate private EMS providers from operating in the state. It is misguided and unnecessary. It creates restrictions that places public safety in jeopardy and is lacking common sense.

AB 263 is not 'EMS Workers Bill of Rights' legislation. It is a direct shot across the bow in applying burdensome restrictions that simply cannot be applied to private emergency medical services to sustain the 24-hours a day / 7-days a week responses the public expects during any type of emergency.

Take the issue out of the Capitol – if you or a loved one need to call 9-1-1 for emergency services, or you just witnessed an accident on a road or highway, or there was an emergency in a public arena – wouldn't your expectation be that your call to 9-1-1 would be responded to in a timely manner? Don't let politics get in the way of public safety.

If the argument continues as one of 'meal and rest periods,' this legislation remains a special interest power grab under the guise of meal and rest breaks. Everyone agrees there needs to be fair and equitable compensation regarding meal and rest periods, however AB 263 is not the answer. AB 263, as written, will place public safety at risk.

American Medical Response suggests the following amendments to AB 263 (Rodriguez):

- Amendments to SEC. 2. Section 226.9 (a), [line 39] to read: *an employer may require employees to remain in close proximity to the employee's defined geographic areas assignment and monitor pagers, radios...This section is declaratory of existing law.*

The addition of:

Between lines 10 and 11

(B) An unforeseeable, natural or man-made disaster.

(C) The employer deems an interruption is necessary to maintain system status

Line 14 to read:

Workday during which the rest period is interrupted ~~and shall~~ if the employer fails to...

Amendments to SEC. 2. Section 226.10 [line 1] to read: an employer may require employees to remain in close proximity to the employee's defined geographic areas assignment and monitor pagers, radios.... This section is declaratory of existing law.

Addition of:

Between lines 12 and 13

(B) An unforeseeable, natural or man-made disaster.

(C) The employer deems an interruption is necessary to maintain system status

Line 16 to read:

Workday during which the ~~rest~~ meal period is interrupted ~~and shall~~ if the employer fails to....

AMR will continue to oppose AB 263 unless amended. AMR amendments are underlined.
Should you have any questions or need anything further please feel free to contact Jason Sorrick at (916) 563-0645 or Sean Henschel at (916) 952-2419