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**SB-823 Alcohol and drug treatment abuse recovery and treatment facilities.** (2017-2018)

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**Senate Bill No. 823**

**CHAPTER 781**

An act to add Section 11834.015 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

[ Approved by Governor September 26, 2018. Filed with Secretary of State September 26, 2018. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 823, Hill. Alcohol and drug treatment abuse recovery and treatment facilities.

Existing law grants the authority to license adult alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities to the State Department of Health Care Services. Under existing law, no person or entity may operate such a facility without licensure by the department.

This bill would require the department to adopt specified standards for these facilities as minimum requirements for licensure. The bill would authorize the department to implement, interpret, or make specific this requirement by means of plan or provider bulletins or similar instructions until regulations are adopted and would require the department to adopt the regulations by January 1, 2023.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 11834.015 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

**11834.015.** (a) The department shall adopt the American Society of Addiction Medicine treatment criteria, or an equivalent evidence-based standard, as the minimum standard of care for licensed facilities and shall require a licensee to maintain those standards with respect to the level of care to be provided by the licensee.

(b) The department may implement, interpret, or make specific this section by means of plan or provider bulletins or similar instructions until regulations are adopted. The department shall adopt regulations by January 1, 2023.