

1 [Supporting California State Senate Bill 687 (Skinner) - Emergency Service  
2 Levels at Health Facilities]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill 687, authored by Senator**  
4 **Nancy Skinner, which would require any non-profit that operates or controls a**  
5 **health facility to provide notice to, and obtain the consent of, the Attorney**  
6 **General prior to a reduction or elimination of the level of emergency services.**

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8 WHEREAS, A study in the Journal of Health Affairs found that 26 California  
9 hospitals with emergency rooms (ERs) closed from 1999 to 2010, and another 22  
10 closed their ERs but remained open; and

11 WHEREAS, Between 1996 and 2009 the annual number of emergency  
12 department visits in the U.S. increased by 51%; while the number of emergency  
13 departments decreased by 6%; and

14 WHEREAS, In California, these rates share a similar trend, with a 12% reduction  
15 in emergency departments and a 27% increase in total patient visits per emergency  
16 department; and

17 WHEREAS, As of 2014, California has the lowest number of emergency  
18 departments per capita in the nation – 6.7 per 1 million people; and

19 WHEREAS, Emergency departments are disproportionately used by  
20 underserved populations as their primary access to healthcare; and

21 WHEREAS, African Americans, Latinos, women, adults under the age of 65, and  
22 those who are uninsured and on Medicaid were more likely to have experienced the  
23 loss of an ER in their community; and

1           WHEREAS, There are currently no restrictions in place on the closure of  
2 emergency services and hospitals make the decision to reduce or eliminate ERs  
3 regardless of the impact to the surrounding community; and

4           WHEREAS, The Attorney General already possesses the regulatory authority  
5 over nonprofit sales and California State Senate Bill 687 (SB 687) would expand on that  
6 power; and

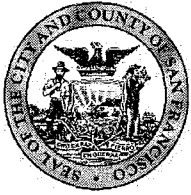
7           WHEREAS, SB 687 would require that a public hearing be held to enable the  
8 community to provide input on the impact of the closure; and

9           WHEREAS, SB 687 would help ensure that the harmful ripple effects of ER  
10 closures can be minimized; and

11           WHEREAS, San Francisco has been a leading force in the efforts to provide  
12 health coverage, including emergency services, for all its citizens; now, therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors of the City and  
14 County of San Francisco urges the California Legislature and Governor Brown to  
15 support and pass SB 687; and, be it

16           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors of the City  
17 and County of San Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit this resolution to  
18 the California State Legislature and Governor Jerry Brown.



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Resolution

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May 16, 2017 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Breed, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Tang and Yee

Excused: 1 - Farrell

Absent: 1 - Sheehy

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/16/2017 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Mayor

5/26/2017

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Handwritten signature for Angela Calvillo
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Handwritten date 5/26/17
Date