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Brief Title: Establishing needle stick protections.

**SB 5880-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the emergency rules adopted under this act to require each employer to conduct product evaluations of needleless systems and sharps, with engineered sharps injury protections commencing by the effective date of the emergency rules. Product evaluations should include, but not be limited to, the following categories of devices as used in the employer's facilities: (1) I.V. catheters; (2) I.V. access devices and I.V. connectors; (3) vacuum-tube blood collection devices; (4) blood-drawing devices such as phlebotomy needle/tube holders, butterfly-type devices, and syringes; (5) syringes used for purposes other than blood drawing; (6) suture needles; (7) scalpel devices; and (8) any other category of device used at the employer's facility where there is a sharps injury risk.