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## CHA Position: **Neutral**

**To:** The Honorable Members of the California State Senate

**From:** Kalyn Dean, Vice President, State Advocacy

### **AB 2975 (Gipson) – Neutral**

Providing a safe, healthy, and welcoming environment for patients, staff, and visitors is a priority that California hospitals take seriously. In addition to complying with all workplace safety laws and regulations, California hospitals recognize the importance of addressing and implementing preventative measures aimed at reducing violent behavior in our hospitals.

Assembly Bill (AB) 2975 (Gipson, D-Gardena) directs the Cal/OSHA Standards Board to amend the existing Workplace Violence Prevention in Health Care standards to require weapons detection screening devices at specified entrances. As amended, AB 2975 will provide hospitals with the flexibility and discretion they need to develop and implement a weapons detection screen policy that responds to each hospital's unique safety needs. We appreciate the productive discussions with the author's office and sponsor, as well as the most recent amendments to the bill.

**For these reasons, the California Hospital Association (CHA), on behalf of more than 400 hospitals and health systems, is NEUTRAL on AB 2975.**