

S.F. No. 483 – Loss of consciousness or voluntary control physician statement modification (as proposed to be amended by SCS0483A-2 delete-everything amendment)

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The SCS0483A-2 delete-everything amendment directs the commissioner of public safety to conduct good-cause rulemaking by July 1, 2026, to amend rules governing a physician's review of person's condition that caused a loss of consciousness or voluntary control for purposes of their driving privileges.

- A person, where a single nonepileptic seizure was responsible for the loss of control, is no longer required to submit an annual statement from their physician if:
 - o the person has been episode-free for five years;
 - the person was not prescribed or taking any antiseizure medication for five years, and;
 - the physician affirms the person is in good health and that no further review is necessary.
- A person, whose loss of consciousness arose from epilepsy or other condition, is no longer required to submit an annual statement from their physician if:
 - the person is free of episodes where a loss of consciousness or voluntary control occurs for ten years;
 - the person was not prescribed or taking any antiseizure medication for ten vears; and
 - the physician affirms the person is in good health and that no further review is necessary.
- A review by a physician under the new Rule does not apply to a driver who is required to hold a valid medical examiner's certification under 49 CFR 391.43 and does not constitute a determination of that driver's physical qualifications as may be required under 49 CFR 391.41.



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