



S.F. No. 483 – Loss of consciousness or voluntary control physician statement modification

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S.F. 483 directs the commissioner of public safety to conduct good-cause rulemaking 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.

Under the current Rules, if a driver has been free of episodes that cause a loss of consciousness or voluntary control for four years, a physician’s statement must be submitted every four years regarding the driver’s medical history, present situation, and the prognosis with respect to the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle safely.

S.F. 483 directs the commissioner to amend this Rule to instead require the physician’s statement to identify whether the person has a medical history of epilepsy or a seizure disorder or a single nonepileptic seizure responsible for the loss of control, affirm the person is in good health and the risk of reoccurrence is minimal by meeting certain criteria depending on condition, and indicate that no further review by a physician is necessary if those criteria are met. These requirements align with the [Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s medical advisory criteria](#) for commercial driver’s licenses under Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, Part 391.41(b)(8).

