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SUBJECT: Notification of lighting requirements per Health and Safety Code, Chapter 425, Regulation of Certain Outdoor Lighting

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Recently, we received a petition for a Coordinating Board rule change concerning the criteria for approval of facility projects, Rule 17.20. The petition is requesting the Coordinating Board provide verification on compliance with Health and Safety Code, Chapter 425, Regulation of Certain Outdoor Lighting. The Health and Safety Code may be located through the following link:

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<http://tlo2.tlc.state.tx.us/statutes/hs.toc.htm>).

In researching the issue of this requested rule change, Coordinating Board staff determined that higher education institutions may be unaware of the current Texas statute or have expectations that some institutions may be grandfathered in complying with the current statute. Please be aware that the statute does not provide the grandfathering of any agency or institution, and there are no plans for revisions. Also, higher education institutions are not exempt from the outdoor lighting regulation except in specific cases as stated in the statute.

This letter is to advise you to verify that your institution is in compliance with Health and Safety Code, Chapter 425, when completing the Board of Regents Certification required for submitted projects, and to have your facility personnel aware of the current state statute.

c: Facility Contact Personnel