

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 564

Introduced by Assembly Member Lowenthal

February 21, 2001

An act to amend Section 1647.13 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentistry.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 564, as introduced, Lowenthal. Dentistry: conscious sedation.

The Dental Practice Act regulates and licenses the practice of dentistry, including the use of oral conscious sedation by licensees for pediatric patients. The act requires a minimum of 7 hours of approved training in the use of oral conscious sedation for minor patients for the renewal of a licensee's certification as an oral conscious sedation provider.

This bill would require 10 hours of approved training for a licensee in the use of oral conscious sedation for minor patients as a condition of the renewal of the licensee's certification as an oral conscious sedation provider.

This bill would also make legislative findings and declarations and express legislative intent regarding the use of chloral hydrate in pediatric dentistry.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares as follows:

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1 (a) The law requires that pediatric dentists ensure that drugs
2 and techniques used in oral conscious sedation to minors shall have
3 a margin of safety wide enough to render unintended loss of
4 consciousness unlikely.

5 (b) Chloral hydrate is a sedative used in pediatric dentistry,
6 which can cause brain damage or death if improperly
7 administered.

8 (c) Dentists are not required to report incidents where a patient
9 experiences loss of consciousness or the ability to physically and
10 verbally respond to stimuli from the use of chloral hydrate and
11 requires emergency medical attention.

12 SEC. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature that all medical
13 personnel shall report incidents involving chloral hydrate that
14 require medical assistance within one business day of the event.
15 The Dental Board of California shall randomly check emergency
16 medical equipment and oximetry devices to ensure they meet state
17 requirements.

18 SEC. 3. Section 1647.13 of the Business and Professions
19 Code is amended to read:

20 1647.13. A certificate holder shall be required to complete a
21 minimum of ~~7~~ 10 hours of approved courses of study related to oral
22 conscious sedation of minor patients as a condition of certification
23 renewal as an oral conscious sedation provider. Those courses of
24 study shall be accredited toward any continuing education
25 required by the board pursuant to Section 1645.

