

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JANUARY 10, 2002

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1379**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Thomson**

February 23, 2001

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~~An act to amend Section 1342.3 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care. An act to amend Section 3010 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to optometry.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1379, as amended, Thomson. Health care.

*Under existing law, there is a State Board of Optometry, responsible for enforcing the legal provisions on optometry for the Department of Consumer Affairs. The Board consists of 9 members. Under existing law, 6 members constitute a quorum of the board.*

*This bill would provide that a majority of the board membership constitutes a quorum of the board.*

~~Existing law requires the Director of the Department of Managed Health Care in conjunction with the Advisory Committee on Managed Health Care to study the feasibility and benefit of consolidating into that department the regulation of health insurers, as specified, currently regulated by the Department of Insurance and to report the results of the study and the director's recommendations on this issue to the Governor and the Legislature.~~

~~This bill would express the Legislature's intent to implement these recommendations and study results.~~

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. Section 1342.3 of the Health and Safety Code~~  
2 *SECTION 1. Section 3010 of the Business and Professions*  
3 *Code is amended to read:*

4 3010. There is in the Department of Consumer Affairs a State  
5 Board of Optometry in which the enforcement of this chapter is  
6 vested. The board consists of nine members, three of whom shall  
7 be public members.

8 ~~Six members~~ A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum.

9 This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2003, and, as  
10 of January 1, 2004, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,  
11 which becomes effective on or before January 1, 2004, deletes or  
12 extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.

13 The repeal of this section renders the board subject to the review  
14 required by Division 1.2 (commencing with Section 473).

15 ~~is amended to read:~~

16 ~~1342.3. The director shall, in conjunction with the Advisory~~  
17 ~~Committee on Managed Health Care, undertake a study to~~  
18 ~~consider the feasibility and benefit of consolidating into the~~  
19 ~~Department of Managed Health Care the regulation of other health~~  
20 ~~insurers providing insurance through indemnity, preferred~~  
21 ~~provider organization, and exclusive provider organization~~  
22 ~~products, as well as through other managed care products~~  
23 ~~regulated by the Department of Insurance. The results of the study~~  
24 ~~along with the recommendations of the director shall be~~  
25 ~~incorporated into a report to the Governor and the Legislature no~~  
26 ~~later than December 31, 2001. It is the intent of the Legislature to~~  
27 ~~implement the recommendations of the director and the results~~  
28 ~~reported by this study.~~

