

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1699**

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**Introduced by Committee on Judiciary (Steinberg (Chair), Robert Pacheco (Vice Chair), Corbett, Jackson, Longville, Shelley, and Wayne)**

March 6, 2001

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An act to add Section 1280.5 to the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to alternative dispute resolution.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1699, as introduced, Committee on Judiciary. Alternative dispute resolution.

Existing law generally permits parties to a dispute to agree to submit to alternative dispute resolution instead of litigating the matter.

This bill would state the intention of the Legislature to assist parties in understanding all of the alternative dispute resolution mechanisms that are available.

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 1280.5 is added to the Code of Civil  
2 Procedure, to read:  
3 1280.5. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this  
4 section to assist parties to a dispute in understanding all of the  
5 voluntary alternative dispute resolution mechanisms available to

- 1 them as an alternative to traditional litigation and encourage the
- 2 use of these mechanisms in appropriate cases.

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