

**Introduced by Senator Burton**

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An act relating to health.

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SB 577, as introduced, Burton. Health: complementary medicine. Existing law regulates the practice of medicine in the state.

This bill would require the State Department of Health Services to conduct a study and report to the Legislature regarding the types of complementary medicine available in the state, the regulation of complementary medicine and complementary medicine practitioners, an evaluation of options for oversight of the complementary medicine industry, and ways to promote consumer access.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The State Department of Health Services  
2 shall conduct a study based on existing literature, information, and  
3 data on the scope of complementary medicine in California. The  
4 study shall include:  
5 (1) A report on the types of complementary medicine therapies  
6 available in the state.  
7 (2) A report on existing regulation of complementary medicine  
8 and complementary medicine practitioners.  
9 (3) An evaluation of options for oversight of the  
10 complementary medicine industry in order to protect providers  
11 and consumers.

- 1 (4) A report recommending ways to promote consumer access
- 2 to a broad range of healing and health care information.
- 3 (b) The study shall be submitted to the Legislature no later than
- 4 October 1, 2002.

