

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 800

Introduced by Assembly Member Yee

February 18, 2005

An act relating to health care.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 800, as introduced, Yee. Videoconferencing medical interpretation technology.

Existing law finds and declares that access to basic health care services is the right of every resident of the state, and that access to information regarding basic health care services is an essential element of that right.

This bill would declare that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would expand the use of videoconferencing medical interpretation technology and practice in order to improve medical access to patients with limited English proficiency, decrease costs of interpretation through more efficient use of interpretation resources, and improve medical care through clear communication and consultation.

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. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation in subsequent amendments that would expand the use
- 3 of videoconferencing medical interpretation technology and
- 4 practice in order to improve medical access to patients with
- 5 limited English proficiency, decrease costs of interpretation

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- 2 improve medical care through clear communication and
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