

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 4, 2005

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005—06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 800

Introduced by Assembly Member Yee

February 18, 2005

An act to add Section 123147 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 800, as amended, Yee. ~~Vide Conferencing medical interpretation technology~~ *Medical records: language preference.*

Existing law provides for access by a patient to his or her health records and requires that a patient's clinical laboratory test results be conveyed in plain language and in oral, written, or electronic form.

This bill would require all medical facilities, including, but not limited to, hospitals, clinics, and physician and surgeon's offices, to include a patient's language preference on the patient's health records.

~~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~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 123147 is added to the Health and
2 Safety Code, to read:

3 123147. All medical facilities, including, but not limited to,
4 hospitals, clinics, and physician and surgeon’s offices, shall
5 include a patient’s language preference on the patient’s records.

6 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
7 ~~legislation in subsequent amendments that would expand the use~~
8 ~~of videoconferencing medical interpretation technology and~~
9 ~~practice in order to improve medical access to patients with~~
10 ~~limited English proficiency, decrease costs of interpretation~~
11 ~~through more efficient use of interpretation resources, and~~
12 ~~improve medical care through clear communication and~~
13 ~~consultation.~~