

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 25, 2007

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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 764**

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**Introduced by Senator Migden**

February 23, 2007

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An act to amend Section 127775 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care providers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 764, as amended, Migden. Health care providers.

Existing law authorizes the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to receive basic data that the Medical Board of California may provide on individual licentiates.

This bill would, instead, require the office to receive, and the Medical Board of California to provide, information respecting individual board licentiates ~~in order for the office to study the number of primary care physicians and surgeons in the state and make a 5-year projection about trends for this number upon request by the office.~~

The bill would also require, on or before June 1, 2009, the office to prepare and provide to the Legislature a report that makes a 5-year projection on the full time, practicing primary care physician and surgeon workforce in the state, *as specified*.

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. Section 127775 of the Health and Safety Code
- 2 is amended to read:

1 127775. The office shall receive, and the Medical Board of  
2 California shall provide, information respecting individual  
3 licentiates licensed by the board in order for the office to study the  
4 number of primary care physicians and surgeons in the state and  
5 make a five-year projection about trends for this number. *licentiates*  
6 *licensed by the board upon request by the office.*

7 Information provided to the office pursuant to this section shall  
8 be transmitted in a form so that the name or license number of an  
9 individual licensee is not identifiable. However, an encoding  
10 procedure shall be used to assign a unique identifying number to  
11 the other information provided upon the questionnaire so as to  
12 allow the office to track the geographical movements of physicians  
13 for planning purposes.

14 SEC. 2. (a) The Office of Statewide Health Planning and  
15 Development shall, on or before June 1, 2009, prepare and provide  
16 to the Legislature a report that makes a five-year projection on the  
17 full time, practicing primary care physician and surgeon workforce  
18 in the state and provides a starting point to address workforce in  
19 the state for use in addressing geographic gaps in health care  
20 coverage provided by these physicians and surgeons. *The office*  
21 *shall request and use licentiate information provided by the*  
22 *Medical Board of California and use publicly available information*  
23 *from any other public or private source necessary to make its*  
24 *projection.* In preparing the report, the office shall consider all of  
25 the following:

26 ~~(a) Demographic changes.~~

27 ~~(1) Demographic changes within the state's population.~~

28 ~~(b)~~

29 ~~(2) Immigration trends.~~

30 ~~(c) Possible consequences from health care reforms.~~

31 ~~(3) Actual and potential impacts of health care reforms on the~~  
32 ~~physician and surgeon workforce.~~

33 ~~(d)~~

34 ~~(4) The ages of practicing primary care physicians and surgeons.~~

35 ~~(e)~~

36 ~~(5) The expected number of primary care physicians and~~  
37 ~~surgeons medical school graduates.~~

38 ~~(f)~~

39 ~~(6) Population growth.~~

- 1 ~~(g) The current and recommended numbers of primary care~~  
2 ~~physicians and surgeons relative to the population.~~  
3 *(7) The current and recommended ratio of the number of*  
4 *primary physicians and surgeons to the state population.*  
5 ~~(h) Geographic gaps in health care coverage provided by~~  
6 *(8) Geographic gaps in health care provided by primary care*  
7 *physicians and surgeons.*  
8 ~~(i) Lines of business by physicians and surgeons.~~  
9 *(9) The number of physicians and surgeons enrolled as Medi-Cal*  
10 *providers.*  
11 ~~(j)~~  
12 *(10) Cultural and linguistic proficiency of physicians and*  
13 *surgeons.*  
14 *(b) For purposes of this section, "primary care physician and*  
15 *surgeon" means a physician and surgeon who provides medical*  
16 *services in any of the following specialties:*  
17 *(1) Family practice.*  
18 *(2) General internal medicine.*  
19 *(3) General pediatrics.*  
20 *(4) General practice.*  
21 *(5) Gynecology.*  
22 *(6) Obstetrics.*