

Senate Bill No. 764

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Secretary of the Senate

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Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 764, 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 and the Osteopathic Medical Board of California to provide, information respecting individual board licentiates 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 and the State Department of Health Care Services a report that makes a 5-year projection on the full time, practicing primary care physician and surgeon workforce in the state, as specified.

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

SECTION 1. Section 127775 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

127775. The office shall receive, and the Medical Board of California and the Osteopathic Medical Board of California shall provide, information respecting individual licentiates licensed by the board upon request by the office.

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

SEC. 2. (a) The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development shall, on or before June 1, 2009, prepare and provide to the Legislature and the State Department of Health Care

Services, for the department’s consideration in setting Medi-Cal provider reimbursement rates, a report that makes a five-year projection on the full time, practicing primary care physician and surgeon workforce in the state for use in addressing geographic gaps in health care provided by these physicians and surgeons. The office shall request and use licentiate information provided by the Medical Board of California and the Osteopathic Medical Board of California and use publicly available information from any other public or private source necessary to make its projection. In preparing the report, the office shall consider all of the following:

- (1) Demographic changes within the state’s population.
 - (2) Immigration trends.
 - (3) Actual and potential impacts of health care reforms on the physician and surgeon workforce.
 - (4) The ages of practicing primary care physicians and surgeons.
 - (5) The expected number of primary care physicians and surgeons medical school graduates.
 - (6) Population growth.
 - (7) The current and recommended ratio of the number of primary physicians and surgeons to the state population.
 - (8) Geographic gaps in health care based on the location of primary care physicians and surgeons as compared to the locations of underserved populations.
 - (9) The number of physicians and surgeons enrolled as Medi-Cal providers.
 - (10) Cultural and linguistic proficiency of physicians and surgeons.
- (b) For purposes of this section, “primary care physician and surgeon” means a physician and surgeon who provides medical services in any of the following specialties:
- (1) Family practice.
 - (2) General internal medicine.
 - (3) General pediatrics.
 - (4) General practice.
 - (5) Gynecology.
 - (6) Obstetrics.

Approved _____, 2007

Governor