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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 583

Introduced by Assembly Member Hayashi

February 25, 2009

An act to add Section 680.5 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to health care practitioners.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 583, as amended, Hayashi. Health care practitioners: disclosure of education and office hours.

Existing law requires a health care practitioner to disclose, while working, his or her name and practitioner's license status on a name tag in at least 18-point type or to prominently display his or her license in his or her office, except as specified.

This bill would require each of those health care practitioners to also display the type of license and, except as specified, the highest level of academic degree he or she holds either prominently displayed in his or her office, or in writing given to a patient on his or her initial office visit. The bill would require a physician and surgeon, and an osteopathic physician and surgeon, who is certified in a medical specialty, as specified, to disclose the name of the certifying board or association in writing given to the patient on the patient's first office visit, or in a prominent display in his or her office. The bill would exempt specified

health care practitioners, including, without limitation, persons working in certain licensed laboratories and health care facilities, as specified, from these requirements.

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. Section 680.5 is added to the Business and
2 Professions Code, to read:

3 680.5. (a) (1) A health care practitioner licensed under
4 Division 2 (commencing with Section 500) shall communicate to
5 a patient his or her name, state-granted practitioner license type,
6 and highest level of academic degree, by one or both of the
7 following methods:

8 (A) In writing at the patient’s initial office visit.

9 (B) In a prominent display in an area visible to patients in his
10 or her office.

11 (2) An individual licensed under Chapter 6 (commencing with
12 Section 2700) or Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 4000) is
13 not required to disclose the highest level of academic degree he
14 or she holds.

15 (b) A person licensed under Chapter 5 (commencing with
16 Section 2000) or under the Osteopathic Act, who is certified by
17 (1) an American Board of Medical Specialties member board, (2)
18 a board or association with requirements equivalent to a board
19 described in paragraph (1) approved by that person’s medical
20 licensing authority, or (3) a board or association with an
21 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education approved
22 postgraduate training program that provides complete training in
23 the person’s specialty or subspecialty, shall disclose the name of
24 the board or association by either method described in subdivision
25 (a).

26 (c) A health care practitioner who chooses to disclose the
27 information required by subdivisions (a) and (b) pursuant to
28 subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) shall present
29 that information in at least 24-point type in the following format:
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- 31 HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER INFORMATION
32 1. Name and license..... .

- 1 2. Highest level of academic degree..... .
- 2 3. Board certification (ABMS/MBC)..... .

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6 (d) This section shall not apply to the following health care
7 practitioners:

8 (1) A person who provides professional medical services to
9 enrollees of a health care service plan that exclusively contracts
10 with a single medical group in a specific geographic area to provide
11 or arrange for professional medical services for the enrollees of
12 the plan.

13 (2) A person who works in a facility licensed under Section
14 1250 of the Health and Safety Code or in a clinical laboratory
15 licensed under Section 1265.

16 (3) A person licensed under Chapter 3 (commencing with
17 Section 1200), Chapter 7.5 (commencing with Section 3300),
18 Chapter 8.3 (commencing with Section 3700), Chapter 11
19 (commencing with Section 4800), Chapter 13 (commencing with
20 Section 4980), or Chapter 14 (commencing with Section 4990.1).

21 (e) A health care practitioner, who provides information
22 *regarding health care services* on an Internet Web site that is
23 directly controlled or administered by that health care practitioner
24 or his or her office personnel, shall prominently display on that
25 Internet Web site the information required by this section.

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