

## Senate Bill No. 623

### CHAPTER 450

An act to add and repeal Sections 128196 and 128197 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 623, Kehoe. Public health: health workforce projects.

Under existing law, the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development approves, establishes minimum guidelines for, and performs onsite visitations for specified types of evaluation of health workforce projects. Existing law also requires the office to collect and make public the data an approved project generates. Existing law prohibits the office from approving a project for beyond a specified period unless a specified determination is made.

This bill would require the office to extend the duration of Health Workforce Pilot Project No. 171 through January 1, 2014, to provide the sponsors of the project an opportunity to achieve publication of the data collected during the project in a peer-reviewed journal, among other specified purposes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 128196 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

128196. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) The Access through Primary Care Project, known as Health Workforce Pilot Project (HWPP) No. 171, was approved in 2007 to teach new skills to nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, and physician assistants, and to evaluate the safety and efficacy of allowing nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, and physician assistants to use these new skills to perform first trimester aspiration abortions.

(b) The study investigators from the University of California find, from the data submitted to the office that trainees of the project have achieved competency and safely perform first trimester aspiration abortions using the new skills acquired in HWPP No. 171. The study investigators intend to undergo additional peer review of the data by submitting the results for publication in a nationally recognized, peer-reviewed journal.

(c) It is necessary to extend HWPP No. 171 to maintain the competencies of clinicians trained to date and to authorize continued training of new

clinicians while the larger peer review process is conducted, and because HWPP No. 171 is likely to increase the availability of safe, early abortion care that is limited in many areas of California.

(d) It is the intent of the Legislature that HWPP No. 171 continue without interruption.

(e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2014, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2014, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 2. Section 128197 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

128197. (a) Notwithstanding Section 128180, the office shall extend the duration of the health workforce project regarding clinicians known as Health Workforce Pilot Project No. 171 until January 1, 2014, in order to provide the sponsors an opportunity to achieve publication of the data in a peer-reviewed journal, to maintain the competence of the clinicians trained during the course of the project, and to authorize training of additional clinicians in first trimester aspiration technique, as outlined in the project application, as amended. The project shall continue to satisfy the requirements of the office.

(b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2014, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2014, deletes or extends that date.