

**Introduced by Senator Padilla**

February 18, 2011

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An act to add and repeal Section 1622 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to dental care.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 694, as introduced, Padilla. Dental care.

Existing law establishes within the Department of Consumer Affairs, a Dental Board of California. Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of dentists by the Dental Board of California.

This bill would require the Director of Consumer Affairs to report to the Legislature, by September 1, 2012, regarding access to dental care. The bill would make specified findings and declarations in that regard.

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. The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:  
3 (a) Many Californians do not have adequate access to dental  
4 care.  
5 (b) Tooth decay is the single most common chronic childhood  
6 disease in the United States.  
7 (c) Nearly one-quarter of all children under 12 years of age in  
8 California have never been to a dentist.  
9 (d) More than 1.8 million adults have not been to a dentist in  
10 five or more years.

1 (e) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that  
2 would identify the best solutions to meet the current and growing  
3 dental care needs of California’s residents.

4 SEC. 2. Section 1622 is added to the Business and Professions  
5 Code, to read:

6 1622. (a) The Director of Consumer Affairs shall compile  
7 information regarding access to dental care in California. The  
8 director shall submit a report of its findings to the Legislature by  
9 September 1, 2012.

10 (b) The report to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall  
11 be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government  
12 Code.

13 (c) Pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, this  
14 section shall become inoperative on September 1, 2016, and shall  
15 be repealed as of January 1, 2017.