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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1217

Introduced by Assembly Member Lowenthal
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(Coauthors: Senators Beall, Padilla, and Price)

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An act to add Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 1796.10) to Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1217, as amended, Lowenthal. Home Care Services Consumer Protection Act.

Existing law provides for the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program, a county-administered program under which qualified aged, blind, and disabled persons receive services enabling them to remain in their own homes. The IHSS program includes various eligibility requirements for individuals who provide services to recipients under

the program. Under existing law, a private provider of in-home care services is not subject to the requirements of the IHSS program.

Existing law provides for the licensing and regulation of various community care facilities by the State Department of Social Services.

This bill would enact the Home Care Services Consumer Protection Act, which would provide, on and after January 1, 2015, for the licensure and regulation of home care organizations, as defined, by the State Department of Social Services, and the registration of home care aides. The bill would exclude specified entities from the definition of a home care organization and would not include certain types of individuals as home care aides for the purposes of these provisions.

This bill would require the department to establish and continuously update a home care aid registry, which would include specified information relating to home care aid applicants and registered home care aides. This bill would require background clearances for home care aides, as prescribed, and would set forth specific duties of the home care organization, the department, and the Department of Justice in this regard. The bill would require a home care aide applicant to submit to the Department of Justice a signed declaration under penalty of perjury regarding any prior criminal convictions. The bill would require home care aides to demonstrate they are free of active tuberculosis.

The bill would require the department to impose various fees to be deposited in the Home Care Aide Fund to be created by this bill. This bill, in addition, would prescribe enforcement procedures, fines, and penalties for violations of the act by a home care organization or a home care aide. The bill would require any fines and penalties collected under these provisions to be deposited into the Home Care Penalties subaccount within the Home Care Fund to be created by this bill.

This bill would provide that is a misdemeanor for a person to falsely represent or present himself or herself as a home care aide applicant or registered home care aide. The *bill* would also provide that any person who violates these provisions or willfully or repeatedly ~~violated~~ *violates* a rule or regulation promulgated under these provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor. Because this bill creates new crimes, this bill imposes a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 1796.10)
2 is added to Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

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CHAPTER 13. HOME CARE SERVICES

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Article 1. General Provisions

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8 1796.10 This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the
9 Home Care Services Consumer Protection Act.

10 1796.11. The State Department of Social Services shall
11 administer and enforce this chapter.

12 1796.12. For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions
13 shall apply:

14 (a) "Affiliated home care aide" means an individual, 18 years
15 of age or older, who is employed by a home care organization to
16 provide home care services to a client and is listed on the home
17 care aide registry.

18 (b) "Child" or "children" means an individual or individuals
19 under 18 years of age.

20 (c) "Client" means an individual who receives home care
21 services from a registered home care aide.

22 (d) "Department" means the State Department of Social
23 Services.

24 (e) "Director" means the Director of Social Services.

25 (f) "Family member" means any spouse, by marriage or
26 otherwise, child or stepchild, by natural birth or by adoption,
27 parent, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, parent-in-law,
28 brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, first
29 cousin, or any person denoted by the prefix "grand" or "great," or
30 the spouse of any of these persons, even if the marriage has been
31 terminated by death or dissolution.

32 (g) "Home care aide applicant" means an individual, 18 years
33 of age or older, who is requesting to become an registered home
34 care aide and the department has received and is processing the
35 individual's complete home care aide application and fees.

1 (h) “Home care aide application” means the official form,
2 designated by the department, to request to become a registered
3 home care aide.

4 (i) “Home care aide registry” means a department-established
5 and department maintained Internet Web site of registered home
6 care aides and home care aide applicants, which includes all of the
7 following: the individual’s name, registration number, registration
8 status, registration expiration date, and, if applicable, the home
9 care organization to which the affiliated home care aide or affiliated
10 home care aide applicant is associated.

11 (j) “Home care organization” means an individual, 18 years of
12 age or older, firm, partnership, corporation, limited liability
13 company, joint venture, association, or other entity that arranges
14 for home care services by an affiliated home care aide to a client,
15 and is licensed pursuant to this chapter.

16 (k) “Home care organization application” means the official
17 form, designated by the department, to request to become a licensed
18 home care organization.

19 (l) “Home care organization licensee” means an individual, 18
20 years of age or older, firm, partnership, corporation, limited liability
21 company, joint venture, association, or other entity having the
22 authority and responsibility for the operation of a licensed home
23 care organization.

24 (m) “Home care services” means nonmedical services and
25 assistance provided by a registered home care aide to a client who,
26 because of advanced age or physical or mental disability, cannot
27 perform these services. These services enable the client to remain
28 in his or her residence and include, but are not limited to, assistance
29 with the following: bathing, dressing, feeding, exercising, personal
30 hygiene and grooming, transferring, ambulating, positioning,
31 toileting and incontinence care, assisting with medication that the
32 client self-administers, housekeeping, meal planning and
33 preparation, laundry, transportation, correspondence, making
34 telephone calls, shopping for personal care items or groceries, and
35 companionship. This subdivision shall not authorize a registered
36 home care aide to assist with medication that the client
37 self-administers that would otherwise require administration or
38 oversight by a licensed health care professional.

1 (n) “Registered home care aide” means an affiliated home care
2 aide or independent home care aide, 18 years of age or older, who
3 is listed on the home care aide registry.

4 (o) “Independent home care aide” means an individual, 18 years
5 of age or older, who is not employed by a home care organization,
6 but who is listed on the home care aide registry and is providing
7 home care services through a direct agreement with a client.

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9 Article 2. Registry and Exemptions

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11 1796.14. (a) Individuals who are not employed by a home care
12 organization but who provide home care services to a client may
13 be listed on the home care aide registry.

14 (b) An affiliated home care aide shall be listed on the home care
15 aide registry prior to providing home care services to a client.

16 ~~(c) Any registered home care aide providing home care services
17 to a child shall also obtain a Child Abuse Central Index check, as
18 set forth in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 1796.19,
19 unless the individual is exempt.~~

20 ~~(d) Any registered home care aide who, after being placed on
21 the home care registry, will provide home care services to a child,
22 shall obtain a Child Abuse Central Index check, as set forth in
23 paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 1796.19, unless the
24 individual is exempt.~~

25 (e)
26 (c) An individual providing home care services to a child is
27 exempt from any requirement to be listed on the home care aide
28 registry if the individual is one of the following:

- 29 (1) A family member of the child.
30 (2) A guardian of the child.
31 (3) A conservator of the child.
32 (4) A foster parent of the child, in a foster family home, as
33 defined in paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of Section 1502, or a
34 certified family home, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section
35 1506.
36 (5) Nonrelative extended family member, as defined in Section
37 362.7 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
38 (6) Providing home care services in a facility in which only
39 Indian children who are eligible under the federal Indian Child

1 Welfare Act (25 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.) are placed and is one of the
2 following:

3 (A) An extended family member of the Indian child, as defined
4 in Section 1903 of Title 25 of the United States Code.

5 (B) A foster home that is licensed, approved, or specified by
6 the Indian child's tribe pursuant to Section 1915 of Title 25 of the
7 United States Code.

8 (7) Providing home care services as part of his or her job duties
9 through one of the following entities:

10 (A) A home health agency licensed under Chapter 8
11 (commencing with Section 1725).

12 (B) A hospice licensed under Chapter 8.5 (commencing with
13 Section 1745).

14 (C) A health facility licensed under Chapter 2 (commencing
15 with Section 1250).

16 (D) Any clinic licensed under Sections 1204 or 1204.1.

17 (E) A county providing in-home supportive services pursuant
18 to Article 7 (commencing with Section 12300) of Chapter 3 of
19 Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, without
20 regard to whether the county provides these services as a public
21 authority or through a nonprofit consortium established pursuant
22 to Section 12301.6 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

23 (F) A home medical device retail facility licensed under Section
24 111656.

25 (G) An organization vendored or contracted through a regional
26 center or the State Department of Developmental Services pursuant
27 to the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act
28 (Division 4.5 (commencing with Section 4500) of the Welfare and
29 Institutions Code) and the California Early Intervention Services
30 Act (Title 14 (commencing with Section 95000) of the Government
31 Code) to provide services and supports for persons with
32 developmental disabilities, as defined in Section 4512 of the
33 Welfare and Institutions Code, when funding for those services is
34 provided through the State Department of Developmental Services
35 and more than 50 percent of the recipients of the home care services
36 provided by the organization are persons with developmental
37 disabilities.

38 (H) A community care facility as licensed under Chapter 3
39 (commencing with Section 1500), a residential care facility for
40 persons with special health care needs licensed under Chapter 3.01

1 (commencing with Section 1568.01), a residential care facility for
2 the elderly licensed under Chapter 3.2 (commencing with Section
3 1569), or a child day care licensed under Chapter 3.4 (commencing
4 with Section 1596.70).

5 (I) Any alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facility
6 as defined by Section 11834.02.

7 (J) Any other entity providing services similar to those described
8 in this paragraph, as determined by the director.

9 (8) Providing services authorized pursuant to Section 2731 of
10 the Business and Professions Code

11 ~~(f)~~

12 (d) (1) Home care aides shall not include individuals who are
13 providing home care services as part of their job duties through
14 one of the following entities:

15 (A) Services authorized to be provided by a licensed home
16 health agency under Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 1725).

17 (B) Services authorized to be provided by a licensed hospice
18 pursuant to Chapter 8.5 (commencing with Section 1745).

19 (C) Services authorized to be provided by a licensed health
20 facility pursuant to Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 1250).

21 (D) In-home supportive services provided pursuant to Article
22 7 (commencing with Section 12300) of Chapter 3 of Part 3 of
23 Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

24 (E) Services authorized to be provided by one of the following:

25 (i) A licensed residential care facility for the elderly pursuant
26 to Chapter 3.2 (commencing with Section 1569).

27 (ii) A licensed community care facility pursuant to Chapter 3
28 (commencing with Section 1500).

29 (iii) A licensed residential care facility for persons with chronic
30 life-threatening illness pursuant to Chapter 3.01 (commencing with
31 Section 1568.01).

32 (iv) A licensed facility, pursuant to the California Child Day
33 Care Act (Chapter 3.4 (commencing with Section 1596.70)), which
34 includes day care centers under Chapter 3.5 (commencing with
35 Section 1596.90) and family day care homes under to Chapter 3.6
36 (commencing with Section 1597.30).

37 (2) Home care aides shall not include individuals providing
38 services authorized to be provided pursuant to Section 2731 of the
39 Business and Professions Code.

1 1796.15. This chapter shall not prohibit an individual from
2 employing an individual not listed on the home care aide registry
3 to provide home care services. The department shall have
4 responsibility only for the maintenance of the home care aide
5 registry regarding registered home care aides.

6 1796.16. A registered home care aide may provide home care
7 services to more than one child for a family, but may not provide
8 home care services for a child or children from more than one
9 family at the same time. This section shall not preclude a registered
10 home care aide from providing home care services for a child or
11 children of multiple families at different times. This chapter shall
12 not override provisions of the California Child Day Care Act
13 (Chapter 3.4 (commencing with Section 1596.70)), Chapter 3.5
14 (commencing with Section 1596.90), and Chapter 3.6 (commencing
15 with Section 1597.30).

16 1796.17. A home care organization shall not include the
17 following:

18 (a) A home health agency licensed under Chapter 8
19 (commencing with Section 1725).

20 (b) A hospice licensed under Chapter 8.5 (commencing with
21 Section 1745).

22 (c) A health facility licensed under Chapter 2 (commencing
23 with Section 1250).

24 (d) A county providing in-home supportive services pursuant
25 to Article 7 (commencing with Section 12300) of Chapter 3 of
26 Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, without
27 regard to whether the county provides these services as a public
28 authority or through a nonprofit consortium established pursuant
29 to Section 12301.6 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

30 (e) A home medical device retail facility licensed under Section
31 111656.

32 (f) An organization vendored or contracted through a regional
33 center or the State Department of Developmental Services pursuant
34 to the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act
35 (Division 4.5 (commencing with Section 4500) of the Welfare and
36 Institutions Code) and the California Early Intervention Services
37 Act (Title 14 (commencing with Section 95000) of the Government
38 Code) to provide services and supports for persons with
39 developmental disabilities, as defined in Section 4512 of the
40 Welfare and Institutions Code, when funding for those services is

1 provided through the State Department of Developmental Services
2 and more than 50 percent of the recipients of the home care services
3 provided by the organization are persons with developmental
4 disabilities.

5 (g) An employment agency, as defined in Section 1812.5095
6 of the Civil Code, that procures, offers, refers, provides, or attempts
7 to provide an independent home care aide who provides home care
8 services clients.

9 (h) A residential care facility for the elderly licensed under
10 Chapter 3.2 (commencing with Section 1569).

11 (i) A community care facility licensed under Chapter 3
12 (commencing with Section 1500), or a residential care facility for
13 persons with chronic life-threatening illness licensed under Chapter
14 3.01 (commencing with Section 1568.01).

15 (j) An person or organization performing activities that fall
16 under the jurisdiction of a child day care facility licensed under
17 Chapter 3.4 (commencing with Section 1596.70), a day care center
18 licensed under Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 1596.60),
19 or a family day care home licensed under Chapter 3.6 (commencing
20 with Section 1597.30).

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22 Article 3. Home Care Aide Applicants

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24 1796.19. (a) The department shall consider, but is not limited
25 to, the following when determining whether to approve a
26 registration application:

27 (1) Evidence satisfactory to the department of the ability of the
28 independent home care aide applicant or the affiliated home care
29 aide applicant to comply with this chapter and the rules and
30 regulations promulgated under this chapter by the department.

31 (2) Evidence satisfactory to the department that the independent
32 home care aide applicant or the affiliated home care aide applicant
33 is of reputable and responsible character. The evidence shall
34 include, but is not limited to, a review of the independent home
35 care aide applicant's or the affiliated home care aide applicant's
36 criminal offender record information pursuant to Section 1522. ~~If~~
37 ~~home care services are to be provided to a child by an affiliated~~
38 ~~home care aide, the evidence shall also include a review of the~~
39 ~~Child Abuse Central Index pursuant to Section 1522.1. If home~~
40 ~~care services are to be provided to a child by an independent home~~

1 care aide and the aide elects to be subject to a Child Abuse Central
2 Index review, the evidence shall also include a review of the Child
3 Abuse Central Index pursuant to Section 1522.1.

4 (3) Disclosure of any revocation or other disciplinary action
5 taken, or in the process of being taken, related to the care of
6 individuals against the independent home care aide applicant or
7 the affiliated home care aide applicant.

8 (4) A signed statement that the independent home care aide
9 applicant or the affiliated home care aide applicant has read and
10 understood this chapter and any rules and regulations promulgated
11 under this chapter by the department.

12 (5) Any other information that may be required by the
13 department for the proper administration and enforcement of this
14 chapter.

15 (b) Failure of the home care aide applicant to cooperate with
16 the department in the completion of the Home Care Aide
17 application shall result in the withdrawal of the registration
18 application. "Failure to cooperate" means that the information
19 described in this chapter and by any rules and regulations
20 promulgated under this chapter has not been provided, or has not
21 been provided in the form requested by the department, or both.

22
23 Article 4. Registration

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25 1796.21. A registered home care aide shall be 18 years of age
26 or older.

27 1796.22. Any individual who has submitted an application and
28 who possesses any one of the following identification cards may
29 initiate a background examination to be a registered home care
30 aide:

- 31 (a) A valid California driver's license.
- 32 (b) A valid identification card issued by the Department of
33 Motor Vehicles.
- 34 (c) A valid Alien Registration Card.
- 35 (d) In the case of a person living in a state other than California,
36 a valid numbered photo identification card issued by an agency of
37 the state other than California.

38 1796.23. (a) Each person initiating a background examination
39 to be a registered home care aide shall submit his or her fingerprints
40 to the Department of Justice by electronic transmission in a manner

1 approved by the State Department of Social Services, unless
2 exempt under subdivision (d). Each person initiating a background
3 examination to be a registered home care aide shall also submit to
4 the State Department of Social Services a signed declaration under
5 penalty of perjury regarding any prior criminal convictions pursuant
6 to Section 1522 and a completed home care aide application.

7 (b) A law enforcement agency or other local agency authorized
8 to take fingerprints may charge a reasonable fee to offset the costs
9 of fingerprinting for the purposes of this chapter.

10 (c) The Department of Justice shall use the fingerprints to search
11 the state and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal offender
12 record information pursuant to Section ~~1522~~, and if applicable,
13 ~~the Child Abuse Central Index pursuant to Section 1522.1.~~ 1522.

14 (d) A person who is a current licensee or employee in a facility
15 licensed by the State Department of Social Services, a certified
16 foster parent, a certified administrator, or a registered TrustLine
17 provider need not submit fingerprints to the State Department of
18 Social Services and may transfer his or her current criminal record
19 clearance or exemption pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision
20 (h) of Section 1522. The person shall instead submit to the State
21 Department of Social Services, along with the person's registration
22 application, a copy of the person's identification card described
23 in Section 1796.22 and sign a declaration verifying the person's
24 identity.

25 1796.24. (a) (1) The department shall establish a home care
26 aide registry pursuant to this chapter and shall continuously update
27 the registry information. Upon submission of the home care aid
28 application and fingerprints or other identification documents
29 pursuant to Section 1796.23, the department shall enter into the
30 home care aide registry the person's name, identification number,
31 and an indicator that the person has submitted a home care aide
32 application and fingerprints or identification documentation. This
33 person shall be known as a "home care aide applicant."

34 (2) A person shall not be entitled to apply to be a registered
35 home care aide and shall have his or her registration application
36 returned without the right to appeal if the person would not be
37 eligible to obtain a license pursuant to Section 1558.1.

38 (b) (1) Before approving an individual for registration, the
39 department shall check the individual's criminal history pursuant
40 to Section 1522. Upon completion of the searches of the state

1 summary criminal offender record information and the records of
2 the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the applicant shall be issued
3 a criminal record clearance or granted a criminal record exemption
4 if grounds do not exist for denial pursuant to Section 1522. The
5 department shall enter that finding in the person's record in the
6 home care aide registry and shall notify the person of the action.
7 This person shall be known as an "independent home care aide"
8 or an "affiliated home care aide." If the applicant meets all of the
9 conditions for registration, except receipt of the Federal Bureau
10 of Investigation's criminal offender record information search
11 response, the department may issue a clearance if the applicant
12 has signed and submitted a statement that he or she has never been
13 convicted of a crime in the United States, other than a minor traffic
14 violation. If, after approval, the department determines that the
15 registrant has a criminal record, registration may be revoked
16 pursuant to Section 1796.26.

17 (2) For purposes of compliance with this section, the department
18 may permit an applicant to request the transfer of a current criminal
19 record clearance or exemption for a licensed care facility issued
20 by the department or a county with delegated licensing authority.
21 A signed criminal record clearance or exemption transfer request
22 shall be submitted to the department and shall include a copy of
23 the person's driver's license or valid identification card issued by
24 the Department of Motor Vehicles, or a valid photo identification
25 issued by another state or the United States government if the
26 person is not a California resident. Upon request of the licensee,
27 who shall enclose a self-addressed envelope for this purpose, the
28 State Department of Social Services shall verify whether the
29 individual has a clearance or exemption that can be transferred
30 pursuant to the requirements of this chapter.

31 (3) The State Department of Social Services shall hold criminal
32 record clearances and exemptions in its active files for a minimum
33 of three years after the individual is no longer on the registry in
34 order to facilitate a transfer request.

35 1796.25 (a) (1) If the department finds that the home care
36 aide applicant or the registered home care aide has been convicted
37 of a crime, other than a minor traffic violation, the department
38 shall deny the home care aide application, or revoke the registered
39 home care aide's registration unless the director grants an
40 exemption pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 1522.

1 (2) If the department finds that the independent home care aide
2 applicant, the independent home care aide, the affiliated home care
3 aide applicant, or the affiliated home care aide has an arrest as
4 described in subdivision (a) of Section 1522, the department may
5 deny the registration application or registration renewal application,
6 or revoke the registered home care aide's registration, if the
7 independent home care aide applicant, independent home care
8 aide, affiliated home care aide applicant, or affiliated home care
9 aide may pose a risk to the health and safety of any person who is
10 or may become a client and the department complies with
11 subdivision (e) of Section 1522.

12 (3) The department may deny the home care aide application
13 or the renewal application of a registered home care aide if the
14 department discovers that it had previously revoked a license or
15 certificate of approval to be a certified family home, a certified
16 administrator, or a registered TrustLine provider held by the home
17 care aide applicant or registered home care aide, or that it had
18 excluded the home care aide applicant or registered home care
19 aide from a licensed facility.

20 (4) The department may deny the home care aide application
21 or registered home care aide registration renewal application, for
22 placement or retention upon the home care aide registry or revoke
23 the registered home care aide's registration if the department
24 discovers that it had previously denied the home care aide
25 applicant's or registered home care aide's application for a license
26 from the department or certificate of approval to be a certified
27 family home, a certified administrator, or a registered TrustLine
28 provider.

29 (b) (1) If the department revokes or denies a home care aide
30 application or registered home care aide's renewal application
31 pursuant to subdivision (a), the department shall advise the home
32 care aide applicant or registered home care aide of the right to
33 appeal. The home care aide applicant or registered home care aide
34 shall have 15 days to appeal the denial or revocation.

35 (2) Upon receipt by the department of the appeal, the appeal
36 shall be set for hearing. The hearing shall be conducted in
37 accordance with Section 1551.

38 (c) If the home care aide application or registered home care
39 aide renewal application has been denied, the home care aide
40 applicant or registered home care aide shall not reapply until he

1 or she meets the timeframe set forth by the department in
2 regulation, not to exceed one year.

3 1796.26. (a) (1) The department may revoke or deny a
4 registered home care aide’s registration or request for registration
5 renewal if the registered home care aide does any of the following:

6 (A) Procures or attempts to procure his or her registered home
7 care aide registration or renewal by fraud or misrepresentation.

8 (B) Knowingly makes or gives any false statement or
9 information in conjunction with the registered home care aide
10 application or renewal application.

11 (C) Has a criminal conviction, unless an exemption is granted
12 pursuant to Section 1522.

13 (D) Engages or has engaged in an incident of abuse or neglect
14 or other conduct that poses a threat to the health and safety of any
15 person who is or may become a client.

16 (E) Violates this chapter or of the rules or regulations
17 promulgated under this chapter.

18 (F) Aids, abets, or permits the violation of this chapter or of the
19 rules and regulations promulgated under this chapter.

20 (G) Engages or has engaged in conduct which is inimical to the
21 health, morals, welfare, or safety of the people of the state or an
22 individual receiving or seeking to receive home care services.

23 (H) Engages or has engaged in acts of financial malfeasance
24 concerning a client, including, but not limited to, improper use or
25 embezzlement of client moneys and property or fraudulent
26 appropriation for personal gain of client moneys and property, or
27 willful or negligent failure to provide services.

28 (2) An individual whose registered home care aide registration
29 has been revoked shall not reapply until he or she meets the
30 timeframe as set forth in Section 1558.1.

31 (3) An individual whose registered home care aide criminal
32 record exemption has been denied shall not reapply for two years
33 from the date of the exemption denial.

34 (4) The hearing to revoke or deny the registered home care aide
35 registration or registration renewal request shall be conducted in
36 accordance with Section 1551.

37 (b) (1) The registered home care aide’s registration shall be
38 considered forfeited under the following conditions:

1 (A) The registered home care aide has had a license or certificate
2 of approval revoked, suspended, or denied as authorized under
3 Section 1534, 1550, 1568.082, 1569.50, or 1596.885.

4 (B) The registered home care aide has been denied employment,
5 residence, or presence in a facility or client's home based on action
6 resulting from an administrative hearing pursuant to Section 1558,
7 1568.092, 1569.58, or 1596.8897.

8 (C) The registered home care aide fails to maintain a current
9 mailing address with the department.

10 (D) The registered home care aide's registration is not renewed.

11 (E) The registered home care aide surrenders his or her
12 registration to the department.

13 (F) The registered home care aide dies.

14 (2) An individual whose registered home care aide registration
15 has been forfeited shall not reapply until he or she meets the
16 timeframe set forth by the department in Section 1558.1.

17 (c) A registered home care aide's registration shall not be
18 transferred or sold to another individual or entity.

19 1796.28. (a) The Department of Justice shall maintain and
20 continually update pertinent criminal offender record information
21 of registered home care aides and shall inform the department of
22 subsequent reports received pursuant to Section 11105.2 of the
23 Penal Code. The department shall continually update the home
24 care aide registry pursuant to the actions required in this chapter.

25 (1) Registered home care aides and home care aide applicants
26 shall maintain a current mailing address with the department.

27 (2) Registered home care aides and home care aide applicants
28 shall inform the department of any new mailing address in writing
29 within 10 days of a change in address.

30 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, including Part 3
31 (commencing with Section 900) of Division 3.6 of Title 1 of the
32 Government Code, state officers or employees shall not be liable
33 for any damages caused by their conduct pursuant to this chapter
34 except for intentional acts or gross negligence.

35 1796.29. The department shall do both of the following in the
36 administration of the home care aide registry:

37 (a) Establish and maintain on the department's Internet Web
38 site the registry of registered home care aides and home care aide
39 applicants.

1 (1) To expedite the ability of a consumer to search and locate
 2 a registered home care aide or home care aide applicant, the
 3 Internet Web site shall enable consumers to look up the registration
 4 status by providing the registered home care aide’s or home care
 5 aide applicant’s name, registration number, registration status, *and*
 6 registration expiration date, ~~and Child Abuse Central Index status,~~
 7 ~~if applicable.~~ *date.*

8 (2) The Internet Web site shall not provide any additional,
 9 individually identifiable information about a registered home care
 10 aide or home care aide applicant. The department may request and
 11 may maintain additional information for registered home care aides
 12 or home care aide applicants, as necessary for the administration
 13 of this chapter, which shall not be publicly available on the home
 14 care aide registry.

15 (b) Update the home care registry upon receiving notification
 16 from a home care organization that an affiliated home care aide is
 17 no longer employed by the home care organization.

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Article 5. Renewal

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21 1796.31. (a) To remain on the home care aide registry, a
 22 registered home care aide shall renew his or her registration every
 23 two years.

24 (1) A registered home care aide’s registration shall expire every
 25 two years, on the anniversary date of the initial registration date.
 26 If the registration is not renewed on or prior to its expiration date,
 27 the registration shall be forfeited pursuant to subdivision (b) of
 28 Section 1796.26.

29 (2) To renew a registration, the registered home care aide shall,
 30 on or before the registration expiration date, request renewal by
 31 submitting to the department the registration renewal application
 32 form and paying the registration renewal application fee in the
 33 amount determined by the department.

34 (b) Renewal of a registered home care aide’s registration is
 35 conditioned on compliance with all of the following:

36 (1) Submitting a complete registration renewal application form
 37 and payment of fees, both of which shall be postmarked on or
 38 before the expiration of the registration.

39 (2) Continuing to satisfy the requirements set forth in this
 40 chapter.

1 (3) Cooperating with the department in the completion of the
2 renewal process. Failure of the registered home care aide to
3 cooperate shall result in the withdrawal of the registration renewal
4 application by the department. For purposes of this section, a failure
5 to cooperate means that the information described in this chapter
6 and in any rules and regulations promulgated under this chapter
7 has not been provided, or has not been provided in the form
8 requested by the department, or both.

9 (c) A revoked registered home care aide's registration is subject
10 to expiration as provided for in this section. If reinstatement of the
11 registered home care aide's registration is approved by the
12 department, the individual, as a condition precedent to
13 reinstatement, shall pay a fee in an amount equal to the renewal
14 fee accrued at the time of its revocation.

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16 Article 6. Licensure of Home Care Organizations

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18 1796.33. Any individual who has submitted an application and
19 who possesses any one of the following identification cards may
20 initiate a background examination to be a licensed home care
21 organization:

22 (a) A valid California driver's license.

23 (b) A valid identification card issued by the Department of
24 Motor Vehicles.

25 (c) A valid Alien Registration Card.

26 (d) In the case of a person living in a state other than California,
27 a valid numbered photo identification card issued by an agency of
28 the state other than California.

29 1796.34. In order to obtain a home care organization license,
30 the following individual or individuals shall consent to the
31 background examination described in Section 1796.23:

32 (a) The owner or owners of the home care organization, if the
33 owners are individuals.

34 (b) If the owner of a home care organization is a corporation,
35 limited liability company, joint venture, association, or other entity,
36 an individual having a 10-percent or greater interest in that entity.

37 1796.35. (a) A person or a private or public organization, with
38 the exception of a county providing in-home supportive services
39 pursuant to Article 7 (commencing with Section 12300) of Chapter
40 3 of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and

1 the exceptions provided for in subdivision (b), shall not do any of
2 the following, unless it is licensed under this chapter:

3 (1) Represent himself, herself or itself to be a home care
4 organization by name, advertising, soliciting, or any other
5 presentments to the public, or in the context of services within the
6 scope of this chapter, imply that he, she, or it is licensed to provide
7 those services or to make any reference to employee bonding in
8 relation to those services.

9 (2) Use the terms “home care organization,” “home care,”
10 “in-home care,” or any combination of those terms, within its
11 name.

12 (b) This section does not apply to either of the following:

13 (1) A county providing in-home supportive services pursuant
14 to Article 7 (commencing with Section 12300) of Chapter 3 of
15 Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

16 (2) An employment agency, as defined in Section 1812.5095
17 of the Civil Code, that procures, offers, refers, provides, or attempts
18 to provide an affiliated home care aide who provides home care
19 to clients.

20 1796.36. (a) Subject to the exceptions set forth in Section
21 1796.17, an individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability
22 company, joint venture, association, or other entity shall not arrange
23 for the provision of home care services by a registered home care
24 aide to a client in this state before obtaining a license pursuant to
25 this chapter. This shall be deemed “unlicensed home care services.”

26 (b) Upon discovering an individual or entity is in violation of
27 subdivision (a), the department shall send a written notice of
28 noncompliance to the individual or entity and assess a civil penalty
29 of nine hundred dollars (\$900) per day for each calendar day of
30 each violation.

31 (c) Upon discovering that an individual or entity is in violation
32 of subdivision (a), the department shall send a copy of the written
33 notice of noncompliance to the individual or entity and to the
34 Attorney General or appropriate district attorney or city attorney.

35 (d) Upon receiving this notice, the Attorney General, district
36 attorney, or city attorney may do any or all of the following:

37 (1) Issue a cease and desist order, which shall remain in effect
38 until the individual or entity has obtained a license pursuant to this
39 chapter. If the individual or entity fails to comply with the cease

1 and desist order within 20 calendar days, the Attorney General,
2 district attorney, or city attorney may apply for an injunction.

3 (2) Impose the civil penalty described in subdivision (b).

4 (3) Bring an action against the individual or entity under Chapter
5 5 (commencing with Section 17200) of Part 2 of Division 7 of the
6 Business and Professions Code.

7 1796.37. (a) A home care organization that has its principal
8 place of business in another state, in addition to the other
9 requirements of this chapter, before arranging for home care
10 services provided by an affiliated home care aide to a client in the
11 state, shall comply with all of the following:

12 (1) Have an office in California.

13 ~~(2) Obtain authorization from the Secretary of State to conduct~~
14 ~~business in California.~~

15 ~~(3)~~

16 (2) Maintain all pertinent records of the operation in California
17 at the California office. All records shall be available to review,
18 copy, audit, and inspect by the licensing agency.

19 (b) If the home care organization is a foreign corporation,
20 foreign limited liability company, foreign limited partnership,
21 foreign association, or a foreign limited liability partnership, as
22 defined in Sections 170, 171, 171.03, 171.05, and 16101 of the
23 Corporations Code, before arranging for home care services
24 provided by an affiliated home care aide to a client in the state,
25 the home care organization shall have an office in California and
26 shall comply with both of the following:

27 (1) Register with the Secretary of State to conduct intrastate
28 business in California.

29 (2) Maintain all pertinent records of the operation in California
30 at the California office. All records shall be available to review,
31 copy, audit, and inspect by the licensing agency.

32 1796.38. The department may issue a home care organization
33 license to an individual or other entity that satisfies all of the
34 requirements set forth in this chapter, including all of the following:

35 (a) Files a home care organization application, including the
36 fees required pursuant to Section 1796.49.

37 (b) Submits proof of general and professional liability insurance
38 in the amount of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per
39 occurrence and three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in the aggregate.

1 (c) Submits proof of a valid workers’ compensation policy
2 covering its affiliated home care aides. The proof shall consist of
3 the policy number, the effective and expiration dates of the policy,
4 and the name and address of the policy carrier.

5 (d) Provides the department, upon request, with a complete list
6 of its affiliated home care aides, and proof that each satisfies the
7 requirements of Section 1796.43.

8 (e) The owner or owners of the home care organization pass a
9 background examination, as required pursuant to Section 1796.34.

10 (f) The applicant does not have any outstanding fees or civil
11 penalties due to the department.

12 1796.39. (a) A home care organization licensee shall renew
13 the home care organization license every two years.

14 (b) Renewal shall be conditioned upon the licensee doing both
15 of the following:

16 (1) Submitting a complete home care organization licensee
17 renewal application form and payment of fees, both of which shall
18 be postmarked on or before the expiration of the license.

19 (2) Continuing to satisfy the requirements set forth in this
20 chapter, and cooperating with the department in the completion
21 of the home care organization licenses renewal process.

22 (c) Failure of the home care organization licensee to cooperate
23 may result in the withdrawal of the home care organization license
24 renewal application. “Failure to cooperate” means that the
25 information described in this chapter and in any rules and
26 regulations promulgated under this chapter has not been provided,
27 or not provided in the form requested by the department, or both.

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29 Article 7. Home Care Organization Operating Requirements

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31 1796.41. A home care organization licensee shall do all of the
32 following:

33 (a) Post its license and business hours in its place of business
34 in a conspicuous location, visible both to clients and affiliated
35 home care aides.

36 (b) Maintain and abide by a valid workers’ compensation policy
37 covering its affiliated home care aides.

38 (c) Maintain and abide by an employee dishonesty bond,
39 including third-party coverage, with a minimum limit of ten
40 thousand dollars (\$10,000).

1 (d) Report any suspected or known adult abuse as required by
2 Section 15630 of the Welfare and Institutions Code and suspected
3 or known child abuse as required by Sections 11164 to 11174.3,
4 inclusive, of the Penal Code. A copy of each suspected abuse report
5 shall be maintained and available for review by the department
6 during normal business hours.

7 1796.42. (a) Home care organizations that employ affiliated
8 home care aides shall ensure the affiliated home care aides are
9 cleared on the home care aide registry before placing the individual
10 in direct contact with clients. In addition, the home care
11 organization shall do all of the following:

12 (1) Ensure any staff person, volunteer, or employee of a home
13 care organization who has contact with clients, prospective clients,
14 or confidential client information that may pose a risk to the clients'
15 health and safety has met the requirements of Section 1796.23
16 before being hired.

17 (2) Require home care aides to demonstrate that they are free
18 of active tuberculosis disease, pursuant to Section ~~1796.46.~~
19 *1796.45.*

20 (3) Immediately notify the department when the home care
21 organization no longer employs an individual as an affiliated home
22 care aide.

23 (b) This section shall not prevent a licensee from requiring a
24 criminal record clearance of any individual exempt from the
25 requirements of this section, provided that the individual has client
26 contact.

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28 Article 8. Affiliated Home Care Aides
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30 1796.44. (a) A home care organization licensee shall ensure
31 that prior to providing home care services, an affiliated home care
32 aide shall complete the training requirements specified in this
33 section.

34 (b) An affiliated home care aide shall complete a minimum of
35 five hours of entry-level training prior to presence with a client,
36 as follows:

37 (1) Two hours of orientation training regarding his or her role
38 as caregiver and the applicable terms of employment.

39 (2) Three hours of safety training, including basic safety
40 precautions, emergency procedures, and infection control.

1 (c) In addition to the requirements in subdivision (b), an
2 affiliated home care aide shall complete a minimum of five hours
3 of annual training. The annual training shall relate to core
4 competencies and be population specific, which shall include, but
5 not be limited to, the following areas:

- 6 (1) Clients’ rights and safety.
- 7 (2) How to provide for and respond to a client’s daily living
8 needs.
- 9 (3) How to report, prevent, and detect abuse and neglect.
- 10 (4) How to assist a client with personal hygiene and other home
11 care services.
- 12 (5) If transportation services are provided, how to safely
13 transport a client.

14 (d) The entry-level training and annual training on
15 department-approved job-related topics described in subdivisions
16 (b) and (c) may be completed through an online training program.

17 1796.45. (a) An individual hired to be an affiliated home care
18 aide on or after January 1, 2015, shall be submitted to an
19 examination 90 days prior to employment or within seven days
20 after employment to determine that the individual is free of active
21 tuberculosis disease.

22 (b) For purposes of this section, “examination” means a test for
23 tuberculosis infection that is recommended by the federal Centers
24 for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and that is licensed by
25 the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and, if that test
26 is positive, an X-ray of the lungs. The aide shall not work as an
27 affiliated home care aide unless he or she obtains documentation
28 from a licensed medical professional that there is no risk of
29 spreading the disease.

30 (c) An affiliated home care aide whose employment with a home
31 care organization began before January 1, 2015, shall submit to
32 the examination described in subdivision (a) before July 1, 2015.

33 (d) After submitting to an examination, an affiliated home care
34 aide whose test for tuberculosis infection is negative shall be
35 required to undergo an examination at least once every two years.
36 Once an affiliated home care aide has a documented positive test
37 for tuberculosis infection that has been followed by an X-ray, the
38 examination is no longer required.

39 (e) After the examination, an affiliated home care aide shall
40 submit, and the home care organization shall keep on file, a

1 certificate from the examining practitioner showing that the
2 affiliated home care aide was examined and found free from active
3 tuberculosis disease.

4 (f) The examination is a condition of initial and continuing
5 employment with the home care organization. The affiliated home
6 care aide shall pay the cost of the examination.

7 (g) An affiliated home care aide who transfers employment
8 from one home care organization to another shall be deemed to
9 meet the requirements of subdivision (a) or (c) if the affiliated
10 home care aide can produce a certificate showing that he or she
11 submitted to the examination within the past two years and was
12 found to be free of active tuberculosis disease, or if it is verified
13 by the home care organization previously employing him or her
14 that it has a certificate on file that contains that showing.

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Article 9. Revenues

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18 1796.47. (a) (1) Administration of this program shall be fully
19 supported by fees and not civil penalties. Initial costs to implement
20 this chapter may be provided through a General Fund loan that is
21 to be repaid in accordance with a schedule provided by the
22 Department of Finance. The department shall assess fees for home
23 care organization licensure, and home care aide registration related
24 to activities authorized by this chapter. The department may adjust
25 fees as necessary to fully support the administration of this chapter.
26 Except for General Fund moneys that are otherwise transferred or
27 appropriated for the initial costs of administering this chapter, or
28 penalties collected pursuant to this chapter that are appropriated
29 by the Legislature for the purposes of this chapter, no General
30 Fund moneys shall be used for any purpose under this chapter.

31 (2) A portion of moneys collected in the administration of this
32 chapter, as designated by the department, may be used for
33 community outreach consistent with this chapter.

34 (b) The Home Care Fund is hereby created within the State
35 Treasury for the purpose of this chapter. All licensure and
36 registration fees authorized by this chapter shall be deposited into
37 the Home Care Fund. Moneys in this fund shall, upon appropriation
38 by the Legislature, be made available to the department for
39 purposes of administering this chapter.

1 1796.48. (a) The department may charge an application and
2 renewal fee to become a registered home care aide and to renew
3 a registered home care aide’s registration.

4 (b) The maximum fee shall not exceed the total actual costs,
5 which include, but are not limited to, of all of the following:

6 (1) The searches for criminal offender records ~~and, if applicable,~~
7 ~~Child Abuse Central Index checks~~ performed by the Department
8 of Justice. The cost to check the criminal offender records ~~and, if~~
9 ~~applicable, child abuse information~~ shall not subsidize the cost to
10 check the criminal ~~or child abuse~~ history of other persons by the
11 department who are not charged a fee by the Department of Justice.

12 (2) The cost incurred by the Department of Justice for the
13 searches of the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

14 (3) The cost to the department to process the applications and
15 maintain the home care aide registry and perform the duties
16 required by this chapter and any rules and regulations promulgated
17 under this chapter.

18 (c) The fees collected shall be deposited into the Home Care
19 Fund pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 1796.47.

20 1796.49. (a) A home care organization licensee shall pay the
21 following fees:

22 (1) A 24-month initial license fee, as prescribed by the
23 department, for a new home care organization licensee not currently
24 licensed to provide home care services in the state.

25 (2) Two-year renewal fee, as determined by the department,
26 based on the number of full-time equivalents (FTEs), including
27 paid personnel or contractors needed to oversee the enforcement
28 of this chapter.

29 (3) Other reasonable fees as prescribed by the department
30 necessary for the administration of this chapter.

31 (b) The fees collected shall be deposited into the Home Care
32 Fund pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 1796.47.

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34 Article 10. Complaints, Inspections, and Investigations

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36 1796.51. In order to carry out the provisions of this chapter,
37 the department may establish procedures for the receipt,
38 investigation, and resolution of complaints against home care
39 organizations.

1 1796.52. (a) The department may review and, if it determines
2 necessary, investigate complaints filed against home care
3 organizations regarding violations of this chapter or any rules or
4 regulations promulgated under this chapter.

5 (b) The department shall verify through random, unannounced
6 inspections that a home care organization meets the requirements
7 of this chapter and the rules and regulations promulgated under
8 this chapter.

9 (c) An investigation or inspection conducted by the department
10 pursuant to this chapter may include, but is not limited to,
11 inspection of the books, records, or premises of a home care
12 organization. A home care organization's refusal to make records,
13 books, or premises available shall constitute cause for the
14 revocation of the home care organization's license.

15 (d) Other than maintaining the home care registry, the
16 department shall have no oversight responsibility regarding
17 registered home care aides.

18 1796.53. A duly authorized officer, employee, or agent of the
19 department may, upon presentation of proper identification, enter
20 a home care organization during posted business hours, with or
21 without advance notice, to secure compliance with, or to prevent
22 a violation of, any provision of this chapter or any provision
23 promulgated under this chapter.

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25 Article 11. Enforcement

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27 1796.55. (a) A home care organization that operates in
28 violation of any requirement or obligation imposed by this chapter
29 or any rule or regulation promulgated under this chapter may be
30 subject to the fines levied or licensure action taken by the
31 department as specified in this chapter.

32 (b) When the department determines that a home care
33 organization is in violation of this chapter or any rules or
34 regulations promulgated under this chapter, a notice of violation
35 shall be served upon the licensee. Each notice of violation shall
36 be prepared in writing and shall specify the nature of the violation
37 and the statutory provision, rule, or regulation alleged to have been
38 violated. The notice shall inform the licensee of any action the
39 department may take under this chapter, including the requirement
40 of a plan of correction, assessment of a penalty, or action to

1 suspend, revoke, or deny renewal of the license. The director or
2 his or her designee shall also inform the licensee of rights to a
3 hearing under this chapter.

4 (c) The department may impose a fine of up to nine hundred
5 dollars (\$900) per violation per day commencing on the date the
6 violation was identified and ending on the date each violation is
7 corrected, or action is taken to suspend, revoke, or deny renewal
8 of the license, whichever comes first.

9 (d) The department shall adopt regulations establishing
10 procedures for notices, correction plans, appeals, and hearings.

11 1796.56. Any fines and penalties collected pursuant to this
12 chapter shall be deposited into the Home Care Penalties
13 Subaccount, which is hereby created within the Home Care Fund
14 created pursuant to Section 1796.47. Moneys in this account shall,
15 upon appropriation by the Legislature, be made available to the
16 department for purposes of enforcing this chapter.

17 1796.57. It is a misdemeanor for a person to falsely represent
18 or present himself or herself as a home care aide applicant or
19 registered home care aide.

20 1796.58. Any person who violates this chapter, or who willfully
21 or repeated violates a rule or regulation promulgated under this
22 chapter, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof,
23 shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars
24 (\$1,000) or by imprisonment in a county jail for a period not to
25 exceed 180 days, or by both that fine and imprisonment.

26 1796.59. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
27 chapter, the district attorney of every county, and city attorneys in
28 cities that have city attorneys who have jurisdiction to prosecute
29 misdemeanors pursuant to Section 72193 of the Government Code,
30 may, upon their own initiative or upon application by the
31 department or its authorized representative, institute and conduct
32 the prosecution of any action for violation within their county of
33 this chapter or a rule or regulation promulgated under this chapter.

34 (b) The civil, criminal, and administrative remedies available
35 to the department pursuant to this chapter are not exclusive, and
36 may be sought and employed in any combination as determined
37 by the department to enforce this chapter or a rule or regulation
38 promulgated under this chapter.

Article 12. Operation

1796.61. This chapter shall become operative on January 1, 2015.

1796.62. This chapter and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this chapter shall only be implemented to the extent that funds are made available through an appropriation in the annual Budget Act.

1796.63. The department shall adopt, amend, or repeal, in accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of the Government Code, any reasonable rules, regulations, and standards as may be necessary or proper to carry out the purpose and intent of this chapter and to enable the department to exercise the powers and perform the duties conferred upon it by this chapter, not inconsistent with any of the provisions of any statute of this state. Notwithstanding the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), the department may implement and administer this chapter through written directives, without taking regulatory action, subject to the limitations provided in subdivision (b).

(a) The department shall post any proposed rules promulgated under this section on its public Internet Web site no earlier than 10 calendar days prior to the effective date of the proposed rule, which shall also include notification to the public regarding how members of the public may comment, including the date on which those comment must be received in order to be considered by the department.

(b) The department's authority to implement and administer this section through written directives shall expire no later than 12 months after the written directives are promulgated and posted on a public Internet Web site, or upon the effective date of regulations promulgated in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), whichever occurs sooner.

SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or

1 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
2 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
3 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
4 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
5 Constitution.

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