

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2599

Introduced by Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer

February 21, 2014

An act to amend Section 2670 of the Penal Code, relating to prisoners.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2599, as introduced, Jones-Sawyer. Prisoners: organic therapies.

Existing law declares that all persons, including all persons involuntarily confined, have a fundamental right against enforced interference with their thought processes, states of mind, and patterns of mentation through the use of organic therapies and that this fundamental right requires that no person with the capacity for informed consent who refuses organic therapy shall be compelled to undergo such therapy.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

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 2670 of the Penal Code is amended to
2 read:
3 2670. It is hereby recognized and declared that all persons,
4 including all persons involuntarily confined, have a fundamental
5 right against enforced interference with their thought processes,
6 states of mind, and patterns of mentation through the use of organic
7 therapies; that this fundamental right requires that no person with

1 the capacity for informed consent who refuses organic therapy
2 shall be compelled to undergo ~~such~~ *that* therapy; and that, in order
3 to justify the use of organic therapy upon a person who lacks the
4 capacity for informed consent, other than psychosurgery as referred
5 to in subdivision (c) of Section 2670.5 which is not to be
6 administered to ~~such~~ *those* persons, the state shall establish that
7 the organic therapy would be beneficial to the person, that there
8 is a compelling interest in administering ~~such~~ *that* therapy, and
9 that there are no less onerous alternatives to ~~such~~ *that* therapy.

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