

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 570

Introduced by Assembly Member Travis Allen

February 24, 2015

An act to amend Section 104100 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to cardiovascular disease.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 570, as introduced, Travis Allen. Cardiovascular disease: high blood pressure.

Existing law requires the State Department of Public Health to conduct a program for the control of high blood pressure. Existing law makes findings and declarations regarding the necessity of establishing that program.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those findings and declarations.

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 104100 of the Health and Safety Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 104100. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that high blood
- 4 pressure, also known as hypertension, is a widespread and serious
- 5 public health problem in California. This condition, when
- 6 untreated, is a major contributor to heart disease, stroke, kidney
- 7 disease, and related cardiovascular morbidity and mortality.
- 8 Although high blood pressure can be effectively controlled through

1 the use of now well established antihypertensive drugs, treatment
2 is not always adequately utilized.

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4 (b) *It is estimated that there are ~~two million~~ 2,000,000 adults*
5 *in California who have high blood pressure. It is further estimated,*
6 *based on national data, that ~~no more than~~ 71 percent *or less* of all*
7 *adult Californians with high blood pressure are aware of their*
8 *condition, ~~and that~~ *and*, of those who are aware, only 40 percent*
9 *are being effectively treated. Thus, of ~~some two million~~ *the**
10 *approximately 2,000,000 adults in California ~~adults~~ with high*
11 *blood pressure, only about 568,000 have their condition adequately*
12 *controlled. Unless the problem of uncontrolled high blood pressure*
13 *among ~~some~~ *the* approximately 1,432,000 adults is promptly*
14 *addressed, many of these individuals will experience preventable*
15 *serious illness, ~~disability~~ *disability*, and death. In addition, the state*
16 *will continue to face unnecessary medical and welfare costs*
17 *resulting from high blood pressure and its resulting effects.*
18 *Consequently, it is necessary to provide for expanded statewide*
19 *efforts, interface with relevant federal legislation, establish and*
20 *maintain appropriate guidelines, and enhance high blood pressure*
21 *control activities at the community level. Coordination of local*
22 *and state efforts in the planning, implementation, and evaluation*
23 *of high blood pressure control activities is ~~required~~, *required* in*
24 *order to improve allocations and utilization of resources to control*
25 *high blood pressure in the ~~states~~ *state's* population.*