

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1254**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Grove**

February 27, 2015

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An act to amend Section 1341 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care service plans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1254, as introduced, Grove. Health care service plans: Department of Managed Health Care.

Existing law, the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975, provides for the licensure and regulation of health care service plans by the Department of Managed Health Care. Existing law specifies that the Department of Managed Health Care has charge of the execution of state laws relating to health care service plans to ensure that health care service plans provide enrollees with access to quality health care services.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change 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 1341 of the Health and Safety Code is  
2 amended to read:  
3 1341. (a) There is in state government, in the California Health  
4 and Human Services Agency, a Department of Managed Health  
5 Care that ~~has~~ *is* in charge of the execution of the laws of this state

1 relating to health care service plans and the health care service  
2 plan business including, but not limited to, those laws directing  
3 the department to ensure that health care service plans provide  
4 enrollees with access to quality health care services and protect  
5 and promote the interests of enrollees.

6 (b) The chief officer of the Department of Managed Health  
7 Care is the Director of the Department of Managed Health Care.  
8 The director shall be appointed by the Governor and shall hold  
9 office at the pleasure of the Governor. The director shall receive  
10 an annual salary as fixed in the Government Code. Within 15 days  
11 from the time of the director's appointment, the director shall take  
12 and subscribe to the constitutional oath of office and file it in the  
13 office of the Secretary of State.

14 (c) The director shall be responsible for the performance of all  
15 duties, the exercise of all powers and jurisdiction, and the  
16 assumption and discharge of all responsibilities vested by law in  
17 the department. The director has and may exercise all powers  
18 necessary or convenient for the administration and enforcement  
19 of, among other laws, the laws described in subdivision (a).