

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2538**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Nazarian**

February 19, 2016

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An act to amend Section 554 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2538, as introduced, Nazarian. Ophthalmia neonatorum.

Existing law requires a doctor, midwife, or other person assisting a mother or child at childbirth to report a case of ophthalmia neonatorum in the child to the local health officer, as specified. Existing law requires the local health officer to take specific actions with respect to each reported case.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those requirements.

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 554 of the Business and Professions Code  
2 is amended to read:  
3 554. The local health officer shall *do all of the following*:  
4 (a) Investigate each case filed with him ~~in pursuance of~~ *or her*  
5 *pursuant to* this article, and all other cases coming to his *or her*  
6 attention.  
7 (b) Report all cases of ophthalmia neonatorum coming to his  
8 *or her* knowledge, and the result of all investigations that he *or*

1 *she* makes to the department, in ~~such~~ *the* form ~~as~~ *that* the  
2 department directs.  
3 (c) Conform to ~~such~~ *the* rules and regulations ~~as~~ *that* the  
4 department promulgates for the purpose of carrying out ~~the~~  
5 provisions of this article.