

## Assembly Bill No. 977

### CHAPTER 463

An act to add Article 3.35 (commencing with Section 319.50) to Chapter 2 of Part 1 of Division 1 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to breast feeding.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 977, McDonald. Breast feeding infants.

Existing law establishes the State Department of Health Services and specifies the duties and functions of the department, including, but not limited to administration of various programs relating to maternal and child health.

This bill would require the department to include in its public service campaign the promotion of mothers breast feeding their infants.

Existing law provides for the licensing and regulation of health facilities by the department.

This bill would require all general acute care hospitals, as defined, and certain special hospitals, as defined, to make available a breast feeding consultant or to provide information regarding where to receive breast feeding information, unless declined by the patient.

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

SECTION 1. Article 3.35 (commencing with Section 319.50) is added to Chapter 2 of Part 1 of Division 1 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

#### Article 3.35. Breast Feeding

319.50. The State Department of Health Services shall include in its public service campaign the promotion of mothers breast feeding their infants.

319.55. (a) All general acute care hospitals, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 1250, and all special hospitals providing maternity care, as defined in subdivision (f) of Section 1250, shall make available a breast feeding consultant or alternatively, provide information to the mother on where to receive breast feeding information.

(b) The consultant may be a registered nurse with maternal and newborn care experience, if available.

(c) The consultation shall be made available during the hospitalization associated with the delivery, or alternatively, the hospital shall provide information to the mother on where to receive breast feeding information.

(d) The patient may decline this consultation or information.

