

**Assembly Bill No. 2611**

CHAPTER 828

An act relating to emergency health care.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2611, Gallegos. Health facilities: emergency services.

Existing law provides for the regulation of hospitals.

This bill would require the Senate Office of Research to conduct a comprehensive study of the hospital emergency room department on-call coverage issue in California, to convene a working group of affected California stakeholders, and to report to the Legislature by January 1, 2002, with recommendations to address the California hospital emergency room on-call issues.

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

SECTION 1. (a) (1) The Senate Office of Research shall conduct a comprehensive study of the hospital emergency room department on-call coverage issue in California.

(2) The study required by paragraph (1) shall include, but not be limited to, the magnitude of the challenges facing California hospital emergency room departments, including those in underserved and rural areas, the scope of the challenges facing other states relative to these issues, and how other states have addressed these complex and challenging issues.

(b) The Senate Office of Research shall convene a working group of affected California stakeholders, including, but not limited to, hospitals, hospital organizations, physician organizations, physician representatives, including emergency room physicians and other on-call specialists, and payors, and state agencies as appropriate.

(c) The Senate Office of Research shall report to the Legislature by January 1, 2002. The report shall include recommendations to address the California hospital emergency room on-call issues.

