

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2574

Introduced by Assembly Member Fletcher

February 19, 2010

An act to amend Section 1727 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to home health agencies.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2574, as introduced, Fletcher. Home health agencies.

Under existing law, the State Department of Public Health licenses and regulates home health agencies and the provision of home health aide services, as defined.

This bill would make nonsubstantive, technical changes to those 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 1727 of the Health and Safety Code is
2 amended to read:
3 1727. (a) "Home health agency" means a private or public
4 organization, including, but not limited to, any partnership,
5 corporation, political subdivision of the state, or other government
6 agency within the state, ~~which~~ *that* provides, or arranges for the
7 provision of, skilled nursing services, to persons in their temporary
8 or permanent place of residence.
9 (b) "Skilled nursing services" means services provided by a
10 registered nurse or licensed vocational nurse.

1 (c) “Home Health Aide” means an aide who has successfully
2 completed a state-approved training program, is employed by a
3 home health agency or hospice program, and provides personal
4 care services in the patient’s home.

5 (d) “Home health aide services” means personal care services
6 provided under a plan of treatment prescribed by the patient’s
7 physician and surgeon who is licensed to practice medicine in the
8 state. Home health aide services shall be provided by a person
9 certified by the state department as a home health aide pursuant
10 to this chapter. Services ~~which~~ *that* do not involve personal care
11 services provided under a plan of treatment prescribed by a
12 physician and surgeon may be provided by a person who is not a
13 certified home health aide. Home health aide services shall not
14 include services provided pursuant to Article 7 (commencing with
15 Section 12300) of Chapter 3 of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare
16 and Institutions Code.