

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 29, 2007

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 329

Introduced by Assembly Member Nakanishi

February 13, 2007

~~An act relating to healing arts.~~ *An act to add Section 2028.5 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to medicine.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 329, as amended, Nakanishi. Chronic diseases: telemedicine.

Existing law, the Medical Practice Act, *creates the Medical Board of California that is responsible for issuing a physician and surgeon's certificate to practice medicine and for regulating the practice of physicians and surgeons. The act also regulates the practice of telemedicine, defined as the practice of health care delivery, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, transfer of medical data, and education using interactive audio, video, or data communications.*

~~This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation enabling the Medical Board of California to bring all interested parties together to discuss the various~~ *require the board to establish a pilot program to expand the practice of telemedicine and would authorize the board to implement the program by convening a working group to discuss the means of delivering health care to those with chronic diseases using telemedicine, and requiring the group health information technologies. The bill would require the board to make recommendations regarding its findings to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2009.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 *SECTION 1. Section 2028.5 is added to the Business and*
2 *Professions Code, to read:*

3 2028.5. (a) *The board shall establish a pilot program to*
4 *expand the practice of telemedicine in this state.*

5 (b) *The board may implement this pilot program by convening*
6 *a working group of interested parties from the public and private*
7 *sectors, including, but not limited to, state health-related agencies,*
8 *health care providers, health plan administrators, information*
9 *technology groups, and groups representing health care*
10 *consumers.*

11 (c) *The members of the working group shall discuss the means*
12 *of delivering health care to those with chronic diseases, and assist*
13 *in developing a plan for offering the best practices in a*
14 *telemedicine model in order to reach all Californians, using*
15 *innovative health information technologies as a means by which*
16 *to share nationally accepted chronic disease management*
17 *techniques throughout the state.*

18 (d) *The board shall make a report with its recommendations*
19 *regarding its findings to the Legislature on or before January 1,*
20 *2009. The report shall include an evaluation of the improvement*
21 *and affordability of health care services and the reduction in the*
22 *number of complications achieved by the pilot program.*

23 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
24 ~~legislation that would enable the Medical Board of California to~~
25 ~~bring all interested parties together to discuss the various means~~
26 ~~of delivering health care to those with chronic diseases, using best~~
27 ~~practices in a telemedicine model in order to reach all Californians,~~
28 ~~and that would require the group to make recommendations~~
29 ~~regarding its findings to the Legislature on or before January 1,~~
30 ~~2009.~~

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