

Introduced by Senator BowenFebruary 23, 2006

An act to add Section 1367.666 to the Health and Safety Code, and to add Section 10123.21 to the Insurance Code, relating to health care coverage.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1508, as introduced, Bowen. Health care coverage: colonoscopies.

Existing law, the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975, provides for the licensure and regulation of health care service plans by the Department of Managed Health Care and makes a willful violation of the act a crime. Existing law also provides for the regulation of health insurers by the Department of Insurance. Under existing law, a health care service plan and a health insurer, as specified, are deemed to provide coverage for generally medically accepted cancer screening tests, subject to all other terms that would otherwise apply under the plan or policy.

This bill would require a health care service plan and a health insurance policy, as specified, to provide coverage for propofol for the purpose of colonoscopies.

Because the bill would specify an additional requirement for a health care service plan, the willful violation of which would be a crime, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 1367.666 is added to the Health and
2 Safety Code, to read:
3 1367.666. Every individual or group health care service plan
4 contract, except a specialized health care service plan contract,
5 that is issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2007,
6 shall provide coverage for propofol for the purpose of
7 colonoscopies.

8 SEC. 2. Section 10123.21 is added to the Insurance Code, to
9 read:
10 10123.21. (a) Every individual or group health insurance
11 policy that covers hospital, medical, or surgical expenses that is
12 issued, amended, delivered, or renewed on or after January 1,
13 2007, shall provide coverage for propofol for the purpose of
14 colonoscopies.

15 (b) This section shall not apply to accident-only, specified
16 disease, hospital indemnity, Medicare, CHAMPUS supplement,
17 dental-only, or vision-only insurance policies.

18 SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
19 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
20 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
21 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
22 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the
23 penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section
24 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a
25 crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the
26 California Constitution.

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