

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: 06/06/2012
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: SB 1524
AUTHOR: Hernandez, Ed

BILL SUMMARY: Nursing.

This bill would remove the requirement that certified nurse practitioners (NPs) and certified nurse-midwives (CNMs) complete six months of physician and surgeon supervised experience in the furnishing or ordering of drugs or devices. This bill would specify that, with respect to nurse practitioners, a physician or surgeon may determine the extent of the supervision required.

FISCAL SUMMARY

This bill would result in costs that are minor and absorbable to the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN).

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is neutral on this bill. This bill would remove an unnecessary burden placed on new NP and CNM graduates and NPs and CNMs moving to California from out of state because they are already required to perform more than six months of supervised training as part of educational certification requirements.

Current law:

- Provides that the BRN certifies and regulates NPs and CNMs pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act.
- Authorizes NPs and CNMs to furnish or order drugs or devices under specified circumstances subject to physician and surgeon supervision, after completing six months of supervised experience in furnishing or ordering of drugs or devices and completing a course in pharmacology.

This bill would remove the requirement for supervised experience and would specify that, with respect to nurse practitioners, a physician or surgeon may determine the extent of the supervision required.

This bill would remove a barrier to entry into the NP and CNM job market in California for new graduates and those moving to California from other states. When these classifications were originally given the authority to furnish or order drugs, the education programs did not include supervised training in pharmacology education, so this requirement was necessary. Students in NP and CNM education programs now receive more than six months of supervised training in furnishing or ordering of drugs or devices.

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