

**Introduced by Senator Wright**

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An act relating to medical fraud.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 655, as introduced, Wright. Medical fraud.

Existing law prohibits medical fraud.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to provide additional investigative tools and other appropriate changes in the law to enhance the prosecution of medical fraud.

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. The Legislature finds and declares the following:  
2 (a) Medical programs cost the state approximately  
3 \$40,000,000,000 in General Fund moneys, which amounts to  
4 approximately one quarter of the total state budget revenue. These  
5 programs provides health coverage for one in six Californians.  
6 (b) State revenue resources are limited and additional state funds  
7 may be required to implement the mandates of the federal Patient  
8 Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 18051).  
9 (c) Medical fraud represents a significant drain and loss of  
10 General Fund moneys that could otherwise be used to expand  
11 coverage or provide better reimbursement rates for doctors.  
12 (d) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide additional  
13 investigative tools and other appropriate changes in the law to

- 1 enhance the prosecution of medical fraud and reduce the enormous
- 2 related drain on the General Fund revenue.

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