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Health care services: artificial intelligence.

Unknown

Risk: Medium

Sector-Specific

Last Action (Apr 17, 2026): In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Summary

Regulates AI use in healthcare, prohibiting AI from replacing professional judgment and allowing AI for non-judgmental documentation and communication.

Business Impact

If you use AI in healthcare, ensure it doesn't replace professional judgment or face legal action.

Key Provisions

- Prohibits AI from replacing professional judgment in healthcare.
- Restricts AI from guiding unlicensed personnel in licensed tasks.
- Allows AI use for documentation and communication that does not involve professional judgment.
- Allows licensing boards to enforce compliance through legal actions.
- Defines 'manage the individual's information' to include querying medical history.
- Specifies no reimbursement required for local agencies due to new crime creation.

Compliance Checklist

- Ensure AI does not replace professional judgment in healthcare tasks. | Who: Health facilities, clinics, group practices | Penalty: Legal action and penalties for unfair competition
- Prevent AI from directing unlicensed personnel in licensed tasks. | Who: Health facilities, clinics, group practices | Penalty: Legal action and penalties for unfair competition

Industries Affected

Healthcare

Technology

Topics

AI Healthcare

Comprehensive AI

Related Bills

- AB3030 (CA)
- AB2575 (CA)

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