

AB1979 • California

Health care services: artificial intelligence.

In Committee

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (May 21, 2026): In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Summary

AB 1979 addresses the use of AI in health care, with details pending confirmation of bill text.

Business Impact

If you operate a health facility using AI for patient communications, you must disclose AI usage to patients or face penalties.

Key Provisions

- Pending confirmation, AI-generated communications may require a disclaimer in patient clinical information.
- Pending confirmation, AI may be prohibited from replacing professional judgment in clinical decisions, requiring licensed professionals to exercise independent judgment.
- Pending confirmation, professional licensing boards may be able to enforce compliance.
- Pending confirmation, AI may be prohibited from directing, guiding, supervising, or instructing unlicensed personnel in licensed functions.

Compliance Checklist

- Disclose AI-generated communications to patients | Who: Health facilities and clinics | Penalty: Potential enforcement actions by licensing boards
- Ensure AI does not replace professional judgment | Who: Health care providers | Penalty: Potential enforcement actions by licensing boards

Industries Affected

Technology

Healthcare

Health Care

Topics

AI Healthcare

Comprehensive AI

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Mia Bonta	D	Sponsor

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2026-05-21	AB 1979 Bonta Assembly Third Reading	48	15	Passed
2026-05-14	Do pass	11	4	Passed
2026-04-21	Do pass as amended and be re-referred to the Commi	11	4	Passed
2026-04-07	Do pass as amended and be re-referred to the Commi	12	3	Passed

Related Bills

- AB3030 (CA)
- AB2575 (CA)

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