

Introduced by Senator Lara

December 1, 2014

An act relating to health care coverage.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 4, as introduced, Lara. Health care coverage: immigration status.

Existing law creates the California Health Benefit Exchange for the purpose of facilitating the enrollment of qualified individuals and small employers in qualified health care plans. Existing law also provides for the Medi-Cal program, under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature all Californians, regardless of immigration status, have access to affordable health coverage and care.

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. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that all
- 2 Californians, regardless of immigration status, have access to
- 3 affordable health coverage and care.
- 4 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that all Californians who
- 5 are eligible for Medi-Cal, a qualified health plan offered through
- 6 the California Health Benefits Exchange, or affordable
- 7 employer-based health coverage, enroll in that coverage and obtain
- 8 the care that they need.

- 1 (c) It is further the intent of the Legislature to ensure that all
- 2 Californians be included in eligibility for coverage without regard
- 3 to immigration status.

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