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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 1198 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Tom Casperson
Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 170 (Medicine) of the Public Health Code to eliminate a sunset provision specifying that Sections 17017 and 17517 do not apply after December 31, 2018.

Except as otherwise provided, Section 17017 prohibits a physician from diagnosing and prescribing a medical abortion for a patient who is or is presumed to be pregnant unless the physician or an individual licensed and qualified by education and training first personally performs a physical examination of the patient. A physician may not use other means including an internet web camera, to diagnose and prescribe a medical abortion. In addition, the physician must be physically present at the location of the medical abortion when the prescription drug used to initiate it is dispensed and must obtain informed consent in the manner prescribed under Section 17015 of the Code.

(Generally, Section 17015 prohibits a physician from performing an abortion without the patient's informed written consent, and requires the physician to provide certain information to the patient.)

Section 17517 requires a physician to comply with Section 17017.

Currently, Section 17017 and 17517 do not apply after December 31, 2018. The bill would eliminate this sunset.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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