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Home Care Provider Initiative Enters Circulation

In-Home Care Providers. Expenditures. Initiative Statute.

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today announced the proponent of a new initiative may begin collecting petition signatures for her measure.

The Attorney General prepares the legal title and summary that is required to appear on initiative petitions. When the official language is complete, the Attorney General forwards it to the proponent and to the Secretary of State, and the initiative may be circulated for signatures. The Secretary of State then provides calendar deadlines to the proponent and to county elections officials. The Attorney General's official title and summary for the measure is as follows:

IN-HOME CARE PROVIDERS. EXPENDITURES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

Requires businesses providing in-home care services to spend at least 75% of their total annual home care service revenue on direct patient care. Limits administrative expenses, management compensation, and profit distributions collectively to 25% of revenue. Establishes state program to administer and enforce measure, provider fees, and fines up to \$10,000 per year plus mandatory license revocation for violations. Dedicates fees and fines to fund program. Requires providers to prepare annual reports showing revenue and expenditures. Requires publication of these reports and information on provider violations. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **State administrative costs of between \$8 million and \$11 million annually, with the authority to fully recover these costs from fees levied on certain home care organizations.** (13-0064.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1649 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 13-0064.

The proponent for the measure, Brandi Wolf, must collect signatures of 504,760 registered voters (five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2010 gubernatorial election) in order to qualify it for the ballot. The proponent has 150 days to circulate petitions for the measure, meaning the signatures must be submitted to county elections officials by July 21, 2014.

The proponent can be reached at (916) 442-2952.

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