

Legislative Analysis



NERVE CONDUCTION STUDIES

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5078 (SUBSTITUTE H-1*, DRAFT 1)

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to restrict the performance of electromyography or the interpretation of nerve conduction studies to specially trained licensed physicians. Under the bill, only an individual who was licensed as an allopathic physician (M.D.) or osteopathic physician (D.O.) and who had successfully completed additional training in the performance and interpretation of electrodiagnostic medicine as approved by the appropriate board of medicine could perform needle electromyography or interpret nerve conduction studies.

A physician would not be allowed to delegate these functions to another individual unless that individual was licensed to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine and surgery and had also completed the additional training as described above. However, under the delegation of a physician under the provisions of Section 16215 and under the direct supervision of a physician, a licensed or unlicensed individual who was otherwise qualified by education, training, or experience could perform nerve conduction studies.

“Electrodiagnostic medicine” would mean the study of neuromuscular functions utilizing nerve conduction studies and needle electromyography.

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