

SB 6173 - DIGEST

Establishes the standard of care protection act.

Declares that: (1) As health system reform is implemented at both the federal and state levels, health care providers may face additional liability exposure related to federal guidelines in state civil actions;

(2) Additional liability exposure could lead to more civil actions against health care providers, increased medical liability insurance premiums, and reduced access to health care for patients; and

(3) States have the constitutional authority to amend their statutes to prevent the use of these provisions in medical liability actions brought under state law and should do so in order to prevent their liability climate from deteriorating for health care providers.