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**PHYSICIAN DISCLOSURE OF
LAB OWNERSHIP**

House Bill 4179

Sponsor: Rep. Bob Emerson

Committee: Health Policy

Complete to 9-15-95

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4179 AS INTRODUCED 1-17-95

The bill would add two new sections to the Public Health Code to require physicians, whether M.D.s or D.O.s, who owned a financial interest in laboratories or X-ray facilities to notify third party payers of that physician's financial interest if he or she received reimbursement from the third party payer.

More specifically, a physician who owned a financial interest (defined in the bill to mean "a direct or indirect ownership or beneficial interest") in a laboratory or a facility that provided only X-ray (or other radiological) services to notify health insurers (or health care payment or benefits plans) who reimbursed the physician for professional services rendered of his or her financial interest -- or of his or her disinvestment of a financial interest -- in that facility. Notification would have to be on a form developed by the Department of Public Health and would have to be given within 90 days of the physician's acquiring, or disinvesting of, such an interest (physicians who already had such a financial interest when the bill took effect would have 90 days from the time the bill took effect to give such notification). The department would have to develop a "financial interest disclosure form" within 30 days after the bill took effect, and would have to provide the forms free to requesting physicians.

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