



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number <b>11-0831/1</b>	Introduction Number <b>AB-0001</b> (JR1)	Estimate Type <b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> Limiting noneconomic damages awarded in actions against long-term care providers; actions against manufacturers, distributors, sellers, and promoters of certain products; confidentiality of health care services reviews; use as evidence of information regarding health care providers; reporting of quality indicators identifying individual hospitals; homicide or injury by negligent handling of a dangerous weapon, explosives, or fire; criminal abuse of individuals at risk; criminal abuse and neglect of patients and residents; evidence of lay and expert witnesses; damages for frivolous claims; and punitive damage awards		

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law limits non economic damages against health care providers in civil lawsuits. AB 1 extends those limits to lawsuits involving long-term care providers.

Current law has statute of limitations provisions for lawsuits involving health care providers. AB 1 extends those limitations to lawsuits involving long-term care providers.

AB 1 prohibits the use of any health care provider report prepared by the Department of Health Services or the Department of Regulation and Licensing in civil or criminal actions.

These provisions will not affect reimbursements to long-term care providers from the Department of Health Services or increase the Department's cost in regulating these facilities. As a result, the bill has no fiscal effect on the Department.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications