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# LEGISLATIVE REPORT #259

## Spot Bill On MICRA Introduced By Senator Steinberg

**February 22, 2014:** SB 1429 was introduced by Senator Steinberg. This is an "intent bill" with no specific statutory language in it. Senator Steinberg has been vocal in the past on the MICRA topic on his desire to try and bring the two sides together to negotiate a deal.

Senator Steinberg is well known as a Legislator who tries to bring opposing groups together to find a compromise.

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Introduced by Senator Steinberg | February 21, 2014

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An act relating to civil damages.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1429, as introduced, Steinberg. Civil damages: medical malpractice.

Existing law, referred to as the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act of 1975 (MICRA), limits the amount of damages for noneconomic losses in an action for injury against a health care provider based on professional negligence to \$250,000.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to bring interested parties together to develop a legislative solution to issues surrounding medical malpractice injury compensation.

Vote: majority.

Appropriation: no.

Fiscal committee: no.

State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1.

It is the intent of the Legislature to bring interested parties together to develop a legislative solution to issues surrounding medical malpractice injury compensation.

> Patient brochures order sheet <http://www.cmanet.org/files/pdf/micra/micra-order-form.pdf>

> View Fact Sheet <http://www.cmanet.org/files/pdf/micra/micra-fact-sheet.pdf>

> View CMA info page for more information about MICRA challenges.

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