



General Assembly

Amendment

February Session, 2024

LCO No. 5287



Offered by:
REP. CASE, 63rd Dist.

To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 395

File No. 264

Cal. No. 406

(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF MEDICAL DEBT."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1 (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) The Chief Court
4 Administrator shall establish in each judicial district a medical debt
5 mediation program. In developing the program, the Chief Court
6 Administrator shall consult with the Banking Commissioner, the Office
7 of the Healthcare Advocate, the Commissioner of Public Health or the
8 Insurance Commissioner.

9 (b) A mediation conducted in the medical debt mediation program
10 established by this section shall (1) address all issues of medical debt,
11 including, but not limited to, resolving the debt through means other
12 than litigation, restructuring of the debt into a payment plan and
13 mitigating or resolving any adverse impacts to the debtor's credit
14 related to the medical debt, and (2) be conducted by medical debt

15 mediators who (A) have a duty to be unbiased and are employed by the
16 Judicial Branch, (B) are trained in mediation and all relevant aspects of
17 the law, as determined by the Chief Court Administrator, and (C) have
18 knowledge of the community-based resources that are available in the
19 judicial district in which they serve. Such mediators may refer debtors
20 who participate in the medical debt mediation program established
21 under this section to community-based resources when appropriate.
22 Such mediators shall not give legal advice to any party in mediation."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2024	New section