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DIVISION 1. ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH [135 - 1179.102] (*Division 1 enacted by Stats. 1939, Ch. 60.*)

PART 1.5. Office of the Surgeon General [438 - 439] (*Part 1.5 added by Stats. 2019, Ch. 38, Sec. 12.*)

438. The Office of the Surgeon General is hereby established within the California Health and Human Services Agency. The office shall be responsible for all of the following:

- (a) Raising public awareness on and coordinating policies governing scientific screening and treatment for toxic stress and adverse childhood events.
- (b) Advising the Governor, the Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency, and policymakers on a comprehensive approach to address health issues and challenges, including toxic stress and adverse childhood events, as effectively and early as possible.
- (c) Marshalling the insights and energy of medical professionals, scientists, and other academic experts, public health experts, public servants, and everyday Californians to solve our most pressing health challenges, including toxic stress and adverse childhood events.

(Added by Stats. 2019, Ch. 38, Sec. 12. (SB 78) Effective June 27, 2019.)

439. (a) The Surgeon General shall be appointed by the Governor and shall be the director of the Office of the Surgeon General.

(b) On and after July 1, 2019, the appointment of the Surgeon General shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate.

(c) The salary of the Surgeon General shall be fixed in accordance with state law.

(Added by Stats. 2019, Ch. 38, Sec. 12. (SB 78) Effective June 27, 2019.)