


MEMORANDUM

DATE	August 31, 2017
TO	Board of Psychology
FROM	 Jason Glasspiegel Central Services Coordinator
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #16 (b)(2)(V) – AB 700 (Jones-Sawyer) Public Health: Alcoholism or Drug Abuse Recovery: Substance Use Disorder Counseling

Background:

This bill would establish a career ladder for substance use disorder counseling, to be maintained and updated by the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). The bill would establish classifications for substance use disorder (SUD) counselor certification or registration. The bill would require any person who engages in the practice of SUD counseling to be certified by, or registered with, a certifying organization, unless specifically exempted. The bill would establish additional standards for registrants and interns, and impose additional requirements on SUD counselors. The bill would provide authority to the department to discipline a certificate holder or registrant, and would authorize DHCS to implement these provisions by regulation.

Location: Senate Committee on Health

Status: 7/03/2017 In committee, set first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of the author.

Votes: 5/31/2017 Assembly Floor (70-4-6)
 5/26/2017 Assembly Committee on Appropriations (12-0-5)
 4/4/2017 Assembly Committee on Health (14-1-0)

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time; staff will continue to watch AB 700 (Jones-Sawyer).