

Board of Psychology

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May 23, 2014

The Honorable Brian Maienschein
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3098
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1702 - **Oppose**

Dear Assembly Member Maienschein,

At its May 16, 2014 meeting, the Board of Psychology (Board) took an oppose position on AB 1702 (Maienschein).

AB 1702 specifies that an individual who has satisfied the requirements for licensure while incarcerated and who applies for licensure after being released from incarceration shall not have his or her application delayed or denied solely on the basis that some or all of the requirements were completed while the individual was incarcerated.

All applicants with a conviction, served incarceration, or were subject to other disciplinary action are automatically routed to the Board's Enforcement Division for further investigation. For these applicants, there will be a delay simply because additional staff time is needed to determine if the crime was "substantially related" and to determine if disciplinary measures are necessary. Delays due to the enforcement process can vary from weeks to several months, depending on the complexity of the case.

The Board has concerns that this bill will cause confusion amongst applicants who experience a delay due to a conviction and the subsequent incarceration.

If you would like to discuss the Board's position, please feel free to contact the Board's Administrative Coordinator, Jonathan Burke, at (916) 574-7137.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole J. Jones".

NICOLE J. JONES
Chair, Policy and Advocacy Committee
Board of Psychology

cc:

Board Members

Tracy Rhine, Deputy Director, Legislative and Policy Review, Department of Consumer Affairs