

LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY: SB 547 (HILL) – CHAPTER 429, STATUTES OF 2017 – Professions and vocations: weights and measures

Attention Board of Psychology Stakeholders:

Senate Bill 547 (Hill) was signed by Governor Brown on October 2, 2017, and becomes effective January 1, 2018. This legislation amends Section 2987 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to the delinquent renewal fee for a psychologist, and clarifies payment for the psychological assistant registration.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Effective January 1, 2018, this bill amends existing law to increase the delinquency fee for a licensed psychologist renewing his or her license to 50% of the fee for each license type, not to exceed \$150. This effectively increases the delinquency fee for a licensed psychologist renewing as active to \$150, and the delinquency fee for a psychologist renewing as inactive to \$20.00.

The updated delinquency fee will affect any licensee who renews on or after January 1, 2018, a license that is in an expired status, regardless of when the license expired.

Additionally, this bill clarifies that the Board of Psychology (Board) does not specify who must pay a psychological assistant registration or renewal fee. The Board understands that the payment of the fee will depend on the specific employment situation of the psychological assistant, and therefore the change in law was made so as to not specify who the responsible party should be to pay the fee.

Who This Will Impact

- Any licensed psychologist whose license is in an expired status as of January 1, 2018.
- Any licensed psychologist who has a license that expires on or after January 1, 2018.
- Any licensed psychologist who is a primary supervisor.
- All psychological assistants.

NEW STATUTORY LANGUAGE

SB 547 (Hill): Chaptered Language