



April 22, 2015

The Honorable Jerry Hill
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5035
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 800 (SENATE BUSINESS, PROFESSIONS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE) – HEALING ARTS
SUPPORT – SCHEDULED FOR HEARING APRIL 27, 2015**

Dear Senator Hill:

The California Board of Psychology (Board) **SUPPORTS SB 800**, which will make changes in Business and Professions Code (BPC) §2914(g) to fix an incorrect reference to the Education Code and repeal a reference to an obsolete provision in that Code.

BPC §2914(g)(2) currently refers to Section 94721 of the Education Code (EC). This reference has been obsolete since 2006 when the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) was sunrised. The "change of location" referenced in the BPC can now be found in EC §94823.5. SB 800 will ensure the Boards Practice Act correctly references the Education code.

BPC §2914(g)(3) refers to "franchise institution, as defined by EC §94729.3 of the Education Code". The 'franchise institution' described in EC §94729.3 is not permissible under the current framework. Presently a new location of an institution (branch) is established under the existing institution and is part of the institution's approval to operate. Given that, there is no opportunity for different owners of a branch than own the main. However, under prior law, a branch had a separate approval than the main and could have different ownerships and even names. This is no longer any possibility of 'franchise institution' as defined by this section and therefore the Board seeks the deletion of this BPC §2914(g)(3).

The Board's mission is to advance quality psychological services for Californians by ensuring ethical and legal practice and supporting the evolution of the profession.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Board's Executive Officer, Antonette Sorrick, at (916) 574-7113. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Erickson".

MICHAEL ERICKSON, PH.D.
President, Board of Psychology