



MEMORANDUM

DATE	August 7, 2014
TO	Psychology Board Members
FROM	Jonathan Burke Administrative Services Coordinator
SUBJECT	SB 1466 (Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development) Health Care Professionals

Background:

The language in SB 1466 was approved by the Board at its February 20-21 meeting and makes minor, technical, and non-substantive amendments which add clarity and consistency to current law.

The Omnibus Bill Proposal relates to changes in the psychology licensing law related to fictitious name permits, posting of notice to consumers, changing our address and contact information, as well as changes regarding initial renewal and delinquency fees.

Action Requested:

The staff recommendation is to continue to support SB 1466.

Attachment A: shows the current language proposed in SB 1466.

Attachment B: Support letter sent to Committee by the Board President.

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY AUGUST 4, 2014

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JULY 1, 2014

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 2, 2014

SENATE BILL

No. 1466

Introduced by Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development (Senators Lieu (Chair), Berryhill, Block, Corbett, Galgiani, Hernandez, Hill, Padilla, and Wyland)

March 25, 2014

An act to amend Sections 27, 655.2, 2023.5, 2089.5, 2240, 2530.5, 2532.2, 2532.7, 2936, 4021.5, 4053, 4980, 4980.36, 4980.37, 4980.399, 4980.41, 4980.43, 4980.55, 4980.72, 4980.78, 4987.5, 4989.16, 4989.22, 4992.09, 4996.17, 4996.23, 4998, 4999.55, 4999.58, 4999.59, 4999.60, and 4999.123 of, to amend the heading of Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 4980) of Division 2 of, and to repeal Sections 2930.5 and 2987.3 of, the Business and Professions Code, and to amend Section 14132.55 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to health care professionals.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1466, as amended, Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development. Health care professionals.

(1) Existing law prohibits a physician and surgeon, licensed medical corporation, or any audiologist who is not a licensed hearing aid dispenser from employing a licensed hearing aid dispenser for the purpose of fitting or selling hearing aids.

This bill would prohibit a licensed hearing aid dispenser from employing a physician and surgeon or any audiologist who is not a licensed dispensing audiologist or hearing aid dispenser, or contracting

with a licensed medical corporation, for the purpose of fitting or selling hearing aids.

(2) Existing law, the Medical Practice Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of physicians and surgeons by the Medical Board of California. Existing law requires the Medical Board of California to review issues and problems surrounding the use of laser or intense light pulse devices for elective cosmetic procedures, in conjunction with the Board of Registered Nursing and in consultation with other specified groups. Existing law requires the board and the Board of Registered Nursing to adopt regulations, by January 1, 2009, with regard to the use of laser or intense pulse light devices for elective cosmetic procedures, as specified. Existing law requires the board to adopt regulations, by January 1, 2013, regarding the appropriate level of physician availability needed within clinics or other settings using laser or intense pulse light devices for elective cosmetic procedures.

This bill would delete the provisions that require the board to adopt regulations by January 1, 2009, and January 1, 2013.

(3) Existing law requires a physician and surgeon who performs a scheduled medical procedure outside of a general acute care hospital that results in the death of any patient on whom that medical treatment was performed by the physician and surgeon, or by a person acting under the physician and surgeon's orders or supervision, to report, in writing on a form prescribed by the board, that occurrence to the board within 15 days after the occurrence. A person who violates this requirement is guilty of a misdemeanor.

This bill would make that provision applicable without regard to whether the procedure was scheduled. By expanding the scope of a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(4) Existing law provides for the licensing and regulation of persons who are engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology, as specified, and vests the enforcement of these provisions in the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board. Among other requirements, an applicant for licensure as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist is required to submit transcripts from an educational institution approved by the board evidencing completion of specified coursework, and submit evidence of the satisfactory completion of supervised clinical practice with individuals representative of a wide spectrum of ages and communication disorders. Existing law requires the board to establish

by regulation the required number of clock hours, not to exceed 300 clock hours, of supervised clinical practice necessary for the applicant.

This bill would delete the requirement that the applicant submit transcripts from an educational institution approved by the board evidencing completion of specified coursework and would increase the maximum number of clock hours that the board may establish by regulation to 375.

(5) Existing law, the Psychology Licensing Law, provides for the licensure and regulation of psychologists by the Board of Psychology. Under certain circumstances, existing law authorizes the board to issue a fictitious-name permit to a psychologist, as specified.

This bill would repeal the provision that authorizes the issuance of a fictitious-name permit, and would make conforming changes with regard to that repeal. The bill would make other changes to update a provision related to consumer notices, as specified.

(6) Existing law, the Pharmacy Law, governs the regulation of the practice of pharmacy and establishes the California State Board of Pharmacy to administer and enforce these provisions. The law authorizes the board to issue a license to an individual to serve as a designated representative to provide sufficient and qualified supervision in a wholesaler or veterinary food-animal drug retailer, as specified, and requires the licensee to protect the public health and safety in the handling, storage, and shipment of dangerous drugs and dangerous devices in the wholesaler or veterinary food-animal drug retailer. The law also defines a correctional pharmacy to mean a pharmacy, licensed by the board, located within a state correctional facility, as specified.

This bill would require an individual who applies for a designated representative license to be at least 18 years of age. The bill would also revise the definition of a correctional pharmacy to mean a pharmacy, licensed by the board, located within a correctional facility, without regard to whether the facility is a state or local correctional facility.

(7) *Existing law, the Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of marriage and family therapists by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. Existing law sets forth the educational and training requirements for licensure as a marriage and family therapist. Existing law, among other requirements, requires an applicant for licensure as a marriage and family therapist to complete 75 hours of client centered advocacy or face-to-face counseling, as specified.*

This bill would authorize an applicant for licensure as a marriage and family therapist to meet this requirement by completing 75 hours of client centered advocacy or face-to-face counseling, or any combination thereof.

(7)

(8) Existing law, the Educational Psychologist Practice Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of educational psychologists by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. Existing law authorizes an applicant for examination who has passed the standard written examination to take a clinical vignette written examination for licensure if that applicant is the subject of a complaint or under investigation by the board, as specified.

This bill would eliminate the clinical vignette written examination for those purposes, and would make conforming changes to other provisions.

(8)

(9) Existing law requires an applicant for ~~a license~~ *licensure* as a marriage and family therapist, clinical social worker, or professional clinical ~~counselor~~, *counselor* to participate in and obtain a passing score on a board-administered California law and ethics examination in order to qualify for ~~a license~~ *licensure* or renewal of a license.

This bill would permit an applicant who holds a registration eligible for renewal, with an expiration date no later than June 30, 2016, and who applies for renewal of that registration between January 1, 2016, and June 30, 2016, if eligible, to renew the registration without first participating in the California law and ethics examination. The bill would require the applicant to pass that examination prior to licensure or issuance of a subsequent registration number. The bill would also permit an applicant who holds or has held a registration, with an expiration date no later than January 1, 2017, and who applies for a subsequent registration number between January 1, 2016, and January 1, 2017, if eligible, to obtain the subsequent registration number without first passing the California law and ethics examination, if he or she passes the law and ethics examination during the next renewal period or prior to licensure, whichever occurs first.

This bill would make other changes relating to licensure as a marriage and family therapist, clinical social worker, or ~~a professional clinical counselor~~.

The bill would also make other technical, conforming, and clarifying changes.

(9)

(10) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 27 of the Business and Professions Code
2 is amended to read:
3 27. (a) Each entity specified in subdivisions (c), (d), and (e)
4 shall provide on the Internet information regarding the status of
5 every license issued by that entity in accordance with the California
6 Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250)
7 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code) and the
8 Information Practices Act of 1977 (Chapter 1 (commencing with
9 Section 1798) of Title 1.8 of Part 4 of Division 3 of the Civil Code).
10 The public information to be provided on the Internet shall include
11 information on suspensions and revocations of licenses issued by
12 the entity and other related enforcement action, including
13 accusations filed pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act
14 (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of
15 Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code) taken by the entity
16 relative to persons, businesses, or facilities subject to licensure or
17 regulation by the entity. The information may not include personal
18 information, including home telephone number, date of birth, or
19 social security number. Each entity shall disclose a licensee's
20 address of record. However, each entity shall allow a licensee to
21 provide a post office box number or other alternate address, instead
22 of his or her home address, as the address of record. This section
23 shall not preclude an entity from also requiring a licensee, who
24 has provided a post office box number or other alternative mailing
25 address as his or her address of record, to provide a physical
26 business address or residence address only for the entity's internal
27 administrative use and not for disclosure as the licensee's address
28 of record or disclosure on the Internet.

(b) In providing information on the Internet, each entity specified in subdivisions (c) and (d) shall comply with the Department of Consumer Affairs' guidelines for access to public records.

(c) Each of the following entities within the Department of Consumer Affairs shall comply with the requirements of this section:

(1) The Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists shall disclose information on its registrants and licensees.

(2) The Bureau of Automotive Repair shall disclose information on its licensees, including auto repair dealers, smog stations, lamp and brake stations, smog check technicians, and smog inspection certification stations.

(3) The Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair, Home Furnishings, and Thermal Insulation shall disclose information on its licensees and registrants, including major appliance repair dealers, combination dealers (electronic and appliance), electronic repair dealers, service contract sellers, and service contract administrators.

(4) The Cemetery and Funeral Bureau shall disclose information on its licensees, including cemetery brokers, cemetery salespersons, cemetery managers, crematory managers, cemetery authorities, crematories, cremated remains disposers, embalmers, funeral establishments, and funeral directors.

(5) The Professional Fiduciaries Bureau shall disclose information on its licensees.

(6) The Contractors' State License Board shall disclose information on its licensees and registrants in accordance with Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 7000) of Division 3. In addition to information related to licenses as specified in subdivision (a), the board shall also disclose information provided to the board by the Labor Commissioner pursuant to Section 98.9 of the Labor Code.

(7) The Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education shall disclose information on private postsecondary institutions under its jurisdiction, including disclosure of notices to comply issued pursuant to Section 94935 of the Education Code.

(8) The California Board of Accountancy shall disclose information on its licensees and registrants.

1 (9) The California Architects Board shall disclose information
2 on its licensees, including architects and landscape architects.

3 (10) The State Athletic Commission shall disclose information
4 on its licensees and registrants.

5 (11) The State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology shall
6 disclose information on its licensees.

7 (12) The State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind shall disclose
8 information on its licensees and registrants.

9 (13) The Acupuncture Board shall disclose information on its
10 licensees.

11 (14) The Board of Behavioral Sciences shall disclose
12 information on its licensees, including licensed marriage and family
13 therapists, licensed clinical social workers, licensed educational
14 psychologists, and licensed professional clinical counselors.

15 (15) The Dental Board of California shall disclose information
16 on its licensees.

17 (16) The State Board of Optometry shall disclose information
18 regarding certificates of registration to practice optometry,
19 statements of licensure, optometric corporation registrations, branch
20 office licenses, and fictitious name permits of its licensees.

21 (17) The Board of Psychology shall disclose information on its
22 licensees, including psychologists, psychological assistants, and
23 registered psychologists.

24 (d) The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall disclose
25 information on its licensees.

26 (e) The Structural Pest Control Board shall disclose information
27 on its licensees, including applicators, field representatives, and
28 operators in the areas of fumigation, general pest and wood
29 destroying pests and organisms, and wood roof cleaning and
30 treatment.

31 (f) “Internet” for the purposes of this section has the meaning
32 set forth in paragraph (6) of subdivision (f) of Section 17538.

33 SEC. 2. Section 655.2 of the Business and Professions Code
34 is amended to read:

35 655.2. (a) (1) No physician and surgeon or medical
36 corporation licensed under Chapter 5 (commencing with Section
37 2000), nor any audiologist who is not a licensed dispensing
38 audiologist or hearing aid dispenser shall employ any individual
39 licensed pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 2538.10)
40 of Chapter 5.3 for the purpose of fitting or selling hearing aids.

(2) No individual licensed pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 2538.10) of Chapter 5.3 shall employ any physician and surgeon or any audiologist who is not a licensed dispensing audiologist or hearing aid dispenser, or contract with a medical corporation licensed under Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 2000), for the purpose of fitting or selling hearing aids.

(b) This section shall not apply to any physician and surgeon or medical corporation that contracts with or is affiliated with a comprehensive group practice health care service plan licensed pursuant to the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act, as set forth in Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code.

SEC. 3. Section 2023.5 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

2023.5. (a) The board, in conjunction with the Board of Registered Nursing, and in consultation with the Physician Assistant Committee and professionals in the field, shall review issues and problems surrounding the use of laser or intense light pulse devices for elective cosmetic procedures by physicians and surgeons, nurses, and physician assistants. The review shall include, but need not be limited to, all of the following:

- (1) The appropriate level of physician supervision needed.
- (2) The appropriate level of training to ensure competency.
- (3) Guidelines for standardized procedures and protocols that address, at a minimum, all of the following:
 - (A) Patient selection.
 - (B) Patient education, instruction, and informed consent.
 - (C) Use of topical agents.
 - (D) Procedures to be followed in the event of complications or side effects from the treatment.

(E) Procedures governing emergency and urgent care situations.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to modify the prohibition against the unlicensed practice of medicine.

SEC. 4. Section 2089.5 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

2089.5. (a) Clinical instruction in the subjects listed in subdivision (b) of Section 2089 shall meet the requirements of this section and shall be considered adequate if the requirements of subdivision (a) of Section 2089 and the requirements of this section are satisfied.

1 (b) Instruction in the clinical courses shall total a minimum of
2 72 weeks in length.

3 (c) Instruction in the core clinical courses of surgery, medicine,
4 family medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, and
5 psychiatry shall total a minimum of 40 weeks in length with a
6 minimum of eight weeks instruction in surgery, eight weeks in
7 medicine, six weeks in pediatrics, six weeks in obstetrics and
8 gynecology, a minimum of four weeks in family medicine, and
9 four weeks in psychiatry.

10 (d) Of the instruction required by subdivision (b), including all
11 of the instruction required by subdivision (c), 54 weeks shall be
12 performed in a hospital that sponsors the instruction and shall meet
13 one of the following:

14 (1) Is a formal part of the medical school or school of
15 osteopathic medicine.

16 (2) Has a residency program, approved by the Accreditation
17 Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or the Royal
18 College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC), in family
19 practice or in the clinical area of the instruction for which credit
20 is being sought.

21 (3) Is formally affiliated with an approved medical school or
22 school of osteopathic medicine located in the United States or
23 Canada. If the affiliation is limited in nature, credit shall be given
24 only in the subject areas covered by the affiliation agreement.

25 (4) Is formally affiliated with a medical school or a school of
26 osteopathic medicine located outside the United States or Canada.

27 (e) If the institution, specified in subdivision (d), is formally
28 affiliated with a medical school or a school of osteopathic medicine
29 located outside the United States or Canada, it shall meet the
30 following:

31 (1) The formal affiliation shall be documented by a written
32 contract detailing the relationship between the medical school, or
33 a school of osteopathic medicine, and hospital and the
34 responsibilities of each.

35 (2) The school and hospital shall provide to the board a
36 description of the clinical program. The description shall be in
37 sufficient detail to enable the board to determine whether or not
38 the program provides students an adequate medical education. The
39 board shall approve the program if it determines that the program
40 provides an adequate medical education. If the board does not

1 approve the program, it shall provide its reasons for disapproval
2 to the school and hospital in writing specifying its findings about
3 each aspect of the program that it considers to be deficient and the
4 changes required to obtain approval.

5 (3) The hospital, if located in the United States, shall be
6 accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals,
7 or the American Osteopathic Association's Healthcare Facilities
8 Accreditation Program, and if located in another country, shall be
9 accredited in accordance with the law of that country.

10 (4) The clinical instruction shall be supervised by a full-time
11 director of medical education, and the head of the department for
12 each core clinical course shall hold a full-time faculty appointment
13 of the medical school or school of osteopathic medicine and shall
14 be board certified or eligible, or have an equivalent credential in
15 that specialty area appropriate to the country in which the hospital
16 is located.

17 (5) The clinical instruction shall be conducted pursuant to a
18 written program of instruction provided by the school.

19 (6) The school shall supervise the implementation of the
20 program on a regular basis, documenting the level and extent of
21 its supervision.

22 (7) The hospital-based faculty shall evaluate each student on a
23 regular basis and shall document the completion of each aspect of
24 the program for each student.

25 (8) The hospital shall ensure a minimum daily census adequate
26 to meet the instructional needs of the number of students enrolled
27 in each course area of clinical instruction, but not less than 15
28 patients in each course area of clinical instruction.

29 (9) The board, in reviewing the application of a foreign medical
30 graduate, may require the applicant to submit a description of the
31 clinical program, if the board has not previously approved the
32 program, and may require the applicant to submit documentation
33 to demonstrate that the applicant's clinical training met the
34 requirements of this subdivision.

35 (10) The medical school or school of osteopathic medicine shall
36 bear the reasonable cost of any site inspection by the board or its
37 agents necessary to determine whether the clinical program offered
38 is in compliance with this subdivision.

39 SEC. 5. Section 2240 of the Business and Professions Code is
40 amended to read:

1 2240. (a) A physician and surgeon who performs a medical
2 procedure outside of a general acute care hospital, as defined in
3 subdivision (a) of Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code,
4 that results in the death of any patient on whom that medical
5 treatment was performed by the physician and surgeon, or by a
6 person acting under the physician and surgeon's orders or
7 supervision, shall report, in writing on a form prescribed by the
8 board, that occurrence to the board within 15 days after the
9 occurrence.

10 (b) A physician and surgeon who performs a scheduled medical
11 procedure outside of a general acute care hospital, as defined in
12 subdivision (a) of Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code,
13 that results in the transfer to a hospital or emergency center for
14 medical treatment for a period exceeding 24 hours, of any patient
15 on whom that medical treatment was performed by the physician
16 and surgeon, or by a person acting under the physician and
17 surgeon's orders or supervision, shall report, in writing, on a form
18 prescribed by the board that occurrence, within 15 days after the
19 occurrence. The form shall contain all of the following information:

- 20 (1) Name of the patient's physician in the outpatient setting.
- 21 (2) Name of the physician with hospital privileges.
- 22 (3) Name of the patient and patient identifying information.
- 23 (4) Name of the hospital or emergency center where the patient
24 was transferred.
- 25 (5) Type of outpatient procedures being performed.
- 26 (6) Events triggering the transfer.
- 27 (7) Duration of the hospital stay.
- 28 (8) Final disposition or status, if not released from the hospital,
29 of the patient.
- 30 (9) Physician's practice specialty and ABMS certification, if
31 applicable.

32 (c) The form described in subdivision (b) shall be constructed
33 in a format to enable the physician and surgeon to transmit the
34 information in paragraphs (5) to (9), inclusive, to the board in a
35 manner that the physician and surgeon and the patient are
36 anonymous and their identifying information is not transmitted to
37 the board. The entire form containing information described in
38 paragraphs (1) to (9), inclusive, shall be placed in the patient's
39 medical record.

1 (d) The board shall aggregate the data and publish an annual
2 report on the information collected pursuant to subdivisions (a)
3 and (b).

4 (e) On and after January 1, 2002, the data required in subdivision
5 (b) shall be sent to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and
6 Development (OSHPD) instead of the board. OSHPD may revise
7 the reporting requirements to fit state and national standards, as
8 applicable. The board shall work with OSHPD in developing the
9 reporting mechanism to satisfy the data collection requirements
10 of this section.

11 (f) The failure to comply with this section constitutes
12 unprofessional conduct.

13 SEC. 6. Section 2530.5 of the Business and Professions Code
14 is amended to read:

15 2530.5. (a) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as
16 restricting hearing testing conducted by licensed physicians and
17 surgeons or by persons conducting hearing tests under the direct
18 supervision of a physician and surgeon.

19 (b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent a
20 licensed hearing aid dispenser from engaging in testing of hearing
21 and other practices and procedures used solely for the fitting and
22 selling of hearing aids nor does this chapter restrict persons
23 practicing their licensed profession and operating within the scope
24 of their licensed profession or employed by someone operating
25 within the scope of their licensed professions, including persons
26 fitting and selling hearing aids who are properly licensed or
27 registered under the laws of the State of California.

28 (c) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as restricting or
29 preventing the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology
30 by personnel holding the appropriate credential from the
31 Commission on Teacher Credentialing as long as the practice is
32 conducted within the confines of or under the jurisdiction of a
33 public preschool, elementary, or secondary school by which they
34 are employed and those persons do not either offer to render or
35 render speech-language pathology or audiology services to the
36 public for compensation over and above the salary they receive
37 from the public preschool, elementary, or secondary school by
38 which they are employed for the performance of their official
39 duties.

(d) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as restricting the activities and services of a student or speech-language pathology intern in speech-language pathology pursuing a course of study leading to a degree in speech-language pathology at an accredited or approved college or university or an approved clinical training facility, provided that these activities and services constitute a part of his or her supervised course of study and that those persons are designated by the title as “speech-language pathology intern,” “speech-language pathology trainee,” or other title clearly indicating the training status appropriate to his or her level of training.

(e) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as restricting the activities and services of a student or audiology intern in audiology pursuing a course of study leading to a degree in audiology at an accredited or approved college or university or an approved clinical training facility, provided that these activities and services constitute a part of his or her supervised course of study and that those persons are designated by the title as “audiology intern,” “audiology trainee,” or other title clearly indicating the training status appropriate to his or her level of training.

(f) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as restricting the practice of an applicant who is obtaining the required professional experience specified in subdivision (c) of Section 2532.2 and who has been issued a temporary license pursuant to Section 2532.7. The number of applicants who may be supervised by a licensed speech-language pathologist or a speech-language pathologist having qualifications deemed equivalent by the board shall be determined by the board. The supervising speech-language pathologist shall register with the board the name of each applicant working under his or her supervision, and shall submit to the board a description of the proposed professional responsibilities of the applicant working under his or her supervision. The number of applicants who may be supervised by a licensed audiologist or an audiologist having qualifications deemed equivalent by the board shall be determined by the board. The supervising audiologist shall register with the board the name of each applicant working under his or her supervision, and shall submit to the board a description of the proposed professional responsibilities of the applicant working under his or her supervision.

(g) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as restricting hearing screening services in public or private elementary or secondary schools so long as these screening services are provided by persons registered as qualified school audiometrists pursuant to Sections 1685 and 1686 of the Health and Safety Code or hearing screening services supported by the State Department of Health Care Services so long as these screening services are provided by appropriately trained or qualified personnel.

(h) Persons employed as speech-language pathologists or audiologists by a federal agency shall be exempt from this chapter.

(i) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as restricting consultation or the instructional or supervisory activities of a faculty member of an approved or accredited college or university for the first 60 days following appointment after the effective date of this subdivision.

SEC. 7. Section 2532.2 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

2532.2. Except as required by Section 2532.25, to be eligible for licensure by the board as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist, the applicant shall possess all of the following qualifications:

(a) Possess at least a master's degree in speech-language pathology or audiology from an educational institution approved by the board or qualifications deemed equivalent by the board.

(b) (1) Submit evidence of the satisfactory completion of supervised clinical practice with individuals representative of a wide spectrum of ages and communication disorders. The board shall establish by regulation the required number of clock hours, not to exceed 375 clock hours, of supervised clinical practice necessary for the applicant.

(2) The clinical practice shall be under the direction of an educational institution approved by the board.

(c) Submit evidence of no less than 36 weeks of satisfactorily completed supervised professional full-time experience or 72 weeks of professional part-time experience obtained under the supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist or audiologist or a speech-language pathologist or audiologist having qualifications deemed equivalent by the board. This experience shall be evaluated and approved by the board. The required professional experience shall follow completion of the requirements listed in subdivisions

1 (a) and (b). Full time is defined as at least 36 weeks in a calendar
2 year and a minimum of 30 hours per week. Part time is defined as
3 a minimum of 72 weeks and a minimum of 15 hours per week.

4 (d) (1) Pass an examination or examinations approved by the
5 board. The board shall determine the subject matter and scope of
6 the examinations and may waive the examination upon evidence
7 that the applicant has successfully completed an examination
8 approved by the board. Written examinations may be supplemented
9 by oral examinations as the board shall determine. An applicant
10 who fails his or her examination may be reexamined at a
11 subsequent examination upon payment of the reexamination fee
12 required by this chapter.

13 (2) A speech-language pathologist or audiologist who holds a
14 license from another state or territory of the United States or who
15 holds equivalent qualifications as determined by the board and
16 who has completed no less than one year of full-time continuous
17 employment as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist within
18 the past three years is exempt from the supervised professional
19 experience in subdivision (c).

20 (e) As applied to licensure as an audiologist, this section shall
21 apply to applicants who graduated from an approved educational
22 institution on or before December 31, 2007.

23 SEC. 8. Section 2532.7 of the Business and Professions Code
24 is amended to read:

25 2532.7. (a) Upon approval of an application filed pursuant to
26 Section 2532.1, and upon payment of the fee prescribed by Section
27 2534.2, the board may issue a required professional experience
28 (RPE) temporary license for a period to be determined by the board
29 to an applicant who is obtaining the required professional
30 experience specified in subdivision (c) of Section 2532.2 or
31 paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 2532.25.

32 (b) Effective July 1, 2003, no person shall obtain the required
33 professional experience for licensure in either an exempt or
34 nonexempt setting, as defined in Section 2530.5, unless he or she
35 is licensed in accordance with this section or is completing the
36 final clinical externship of a board-approved audiology doctoral
37 training program in accordance with paragraph (2) of subdivision
38 (b) of Section 2532.25 in another state.

39 (c) A person who obtains an RPE temporary license outside the
40 State of California shall not be required to hold a temporary license

1 issued pursuant to subdivision (a) if the person is completing the
2 final clinical externship of an audiology doctoral training program
3 in accordance with paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section
4 2532.25.

5 (d) Any experience obtained in violation of this act shall not be
6 approved by the board.

7 (e) An RPE temporary license shall terminate upon notice
8 thereof by certified mail, return receipt requested, if it is issued by
9 mistake or if the application for permanent licensure is denied.

10 (f) Upon written application, the board may reissue an RPE
11 temporary license for a period to be determined by the board to
12 an applicant who is obtaining the required professional experience
13 specified in subdivision (c) of Section 2532.2 or paragraph (2) of
14 subdivision (b) of Section 2532.25.

15 SEC. 9. Section 2930.5 of the Business and Professions Code
16 is repealed.

17 SEC. 10. Section 2936 of the Business and Professions Code
18 is amended to read:

19 2936. The board shall adopt a program of consumer and
20 professional education in matters relevant to the ethical practice
21 of psychology. The board shall establish as its standards of ethical
22 conduct relating to the practice of psychology, the “Ethical
23 Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct” published by
24 the American Psychological Association (APA). Those standards
25 shall be applied by the board as the accepted standard of care in
26 all licensing examination development and in all board enforcement
27 policies and disciplinary case evaluations.

28 To facilitate consumers in receiving appropriate psychological
29 services, all licensees and registrants shall be required to post, in
30 a conspicuous location in their principal psychological business
31 office, a notice which reads as follows:

32
33 “NOTICE TO CONSUMERS: The Department of Consumer
34 Affair’s Board of Psychology receives and responds to questions
35 and complaints regarding the practice of psychology. If you have
36 questions or complaints, you may contact the board by email at
37 bopmail@dca.ca.gov, on the Internet at www.psychology.ca.gov,
38 by calling 1-866-503-3221, or by writing to the following
39 address:

40 Board of Psychology

1 1625 North Market Boulevard, Suite –215
2 Sacramento, California 95834”

3
4 SEC. 11. Section 2987.3 of the Business and Professions Code
5 is repealed.

6 SEC. 12. Section 4021.5 of the Business and Professions Code
7 is amended to read:

8 4021.5. “Correctional pharmacy” means a pharmacy, licensed
9 by the board, located within a correctional facility for the purpose
10 of providing pharmaceutical care to inmates of the correctional
11 facility.

12 SEC. 13. Section 4053 of the Business and Professions Code
13 is amended to read:

14 4053. (a) Notwithstanding Section 4051, the board may issue
15 a license as a designated representative to provide sufficient and
16 qualified supervision in a wholesaler or veterinary food-animal
17 drug retailer. The designated representative shall protect the public
18 health and safety in the handling, storage, and shipment of
19 dangerous drugs and dangerous devices in the wholesaler or
20 veterinary food-animal drug retailer.

21 (b) An individual who is at least 18 years of age may apply for
22 a designated representative license. In order to obtain and maintain
23 that license, the individual shall meet all of the following
24 requirements:

25 (1) He or she shall be a high school graduate or possess a general
26 education development certificate equivalent.

27 (2) He or she shall have a minimum of one year of paid work
28 experience in a licensed pharmacy, or with a drug wholesaler, drug
29 distributor, or drug manufacturer, in the past three years, related
30 to the distribution or dispensing of dangerous drugs or dangerous
31 devices or meet all of the prerequisites to take the examination
32 required for licensure as a pharmacist by the board.

33 (3) He or she shall complete a training program approved by
34 the board that, at a minimum, addresses each of the following
35 subjects:

36 (A) Knowledge and understanding of California law and federal
37 law relating to the distribution of dangerous drugs and dangerous
38 devices.

39 (B) Knowledge and understanding of California law and federal
40 law relating to the distribution of controlled substances.

1 (C) Knowledge and understanding of quality control systems.

2 (D) Knowledge and understanding of the United States
3 Pharmacopoeia standards relating to the safe storage and handling
4 of drugs.

5 (E) Knowledge and understanding of prescription terminology,
6 abbreviations, dosages, and format.

7 (4) The board may, by regulation, require training programs to
8 include additional material.

9 (5) The board may not issue a license as a designated
10 representative until the applicant provides proof of completion of
11 the required training to the board.

12 (c) The veterinary food-animal drug retailer or wholesaler shall
13 not operate without a pharmacist or a designated representative
14 on its premises.

15 (d) Only a pharmacist or a designated representative shall
16 prepare and affix the label to veterinary food-animal drugs.

17 (e) Section 4051 shall not apply to any laboratory licensed under
18 Section 351 of Title III of the Public Health Service Act (Public
19 Law 78-410).

20 SEC. 14. The heading of Chapter 13 (commencing with Section
21 4980) of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code is
22 amended to read:

23
24 CHAPTER 13. LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
25

26 SEC. 15. Section 4980 of the Business and Professions Code
27 is amended to read:

28 4980. (a) (1) Many California families and many individual
29 Californians are experiencing difficulty and distress, and are in
30 need of wise, competent, caring, compassionate, and effective
31 counseling in order to enable them to improve and maintain healthy
32 family relationships.

33 (2) Healthy individuals and healthy families and healthy
34 relationships are inherently beneficial and crucial to a healthy
35 society, and are our most precious and valuable natural resource.
36 Licensed marriage and family therapists provide a crucial support
37 for the well-being of the people and the State of California.

38 (b) No person may engage in the practice of marriage and family
39 therapy as defined by Section 4980.02, unless he or she holds a
40 valid license as a marriage and family therapist, or unless he or

1 she is specifically exempted from that requirement, nor may any
2 person advertise himself or herself as performing the services of
3 a marriage, family, child, domestic, or marital consultant, or in
4 any way use these or any similar titles, including the letters
5 “L.M.F.T.” “M.F.T.,” or “M.F.C.C.,” or other name, word initial,
6 or symbol in connection with or following his or her name to imply
7 that he or she performs these services without a license as provided
8 by this chapter. Persons licensed under Article 4 (commencing
9 with Section 4996) of Chapter 14 of Division 2, or under Chapter
10 6.6 (commencing with Section 2900) may engage in such practice
11 or advertise that they practice marriage and family therapy but
12 may not advertise that they hold the marriage and family therapist’s
13 license.

14 *SEC. 16. Section 4980.36 of the Business and Professions Code*
15 *is amended to read:*

16 4980.36. (a) This section shall apply to the following:

17 (1) Applicants for licensure or registration who begin graduate
18 study before August 1, 2012, and do not complete that study on
19 or before December 31, 2018.

20 (2) Applicants for licensure or registration who begin graduate
21 study before August 1, 2012, and who graduate from a degree
22 program that meets the requirements of this section.

23 (3) Applicants for licensure or registration who begin graduate
24 study on or after August 1, 2012.

25 (b) To qualify for a license or registration, applicants shall
26 possess a doctoral or master’s degree meeting the requirements of
27 this section in marriage, family, and child counseling, marriage
28 and family therapy, couple and family therapy, psychology, clinical
29 psychology, counseling psychology, or counseling with an
30 emphasis in either marriage, family, and child counseling or
31 marriage and family therapy, obtained from a school, college, or
32 university approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary
33 Education, or accredited by either the Commission on Accreditation
34 for Marriage and Family Therapy Education, or a regional
35 accrediting agency *that is* recognized by the United States
36 Department of Education. The board has the authority to make the
37 final determination as to whether a degree meets all requirements,
38 including, but not limited to, course requirements, regardless of
39 accreditation or approval.

(c) A doctoral or master's degree program that qualifies for licensure or registration shall do the following:

(1) Integrate all of the following throughout its curriculum:

(A) Marriage and family therapy principles.

(B) The principles of mental health recovery-oriented care and methods of service delivery in recovery-oriented practice environments, among others.

(C) An understanding of various cultures and the social and psychological implications of socioeconomic position, and an understanding of how poverty and social stress impact an individual's mental health and recovery.

(2) Allow for innovation and individuality in the education of marriage and family therapists.

(3) Encourage students to develop the personal qualities that are intimately related to effective practice, including, but not limited to, integrity, sensitivity, flexibility, insight, compassion, and personal presence.

(4) Permit an emphasis or specialization that may address any one or more of the unique and complex array of human problems, symptoms, and needs of Californians served by marriage and family therapists.

(5) Provide students with the opportunity to meet with various consumers and family members of consumers of mental health services to enhance understanding of their experience of mental illness, treatment, and recovery.

(d) The degree described in subdivision (b) shall contain no less than 60 semester or 90 quarter units of instruction that includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

(1) Both of the following:

(A) No less than 12 semester or 18 quarter units of coursework in theories, principles, and methods of a variety of psychotherapeutic orientations directly related to marriage and family therapy and marital and family systems approaches to treatment and how these theories can be applied therapeutically with individuals, couples, families, adults, including elder adults, children, adolescents, and groups to improve, restore, or maintain healthy relationships.

(B) Practicum that involves direct client contact, as follows:

1 (i) A minimum of six semester or nine quarter units of practicum
2 in a supervised clinical placement that provides supervised
3 fieldwork experience.

4 (ii) A minimum of 150 hours of face-to-face experience
5 counseling individuals, couples, families, or groups.

6 (iii) A student must be enrolled in a practicum course while
7 counseling clients, except as specified in subdivision (c) of Section
8 4980.42.

9 (iv) The practicum shall provide training in all of the following
10 areas:

11 (I) Applied use of theory and psychotherapeutic techniques.

12 (II) Assessment, diagnosis, and prognosis.

13 (III) Treatment of individuals and premarital, couple, family,
14 and child relationships, including trauma and abuse, dysfunctions,
15 healthy functioning, health promotion, illness prevention, and
16 working with families.

17 (IV) Professional writing, including documentation of services,
18 treatment plans, and progress notes.

19 (V) How to connect people with resources that deliver the
20 quality of services and support needed in the community.

21 (v) Educational institutions are encouraged to design the
22 practicum required by this subparagraph to include marriage and
23 family therapy experience in low income and multicultural mental
24 health settings.

25 (vi) In addition to the 150 hours required in clause (ii), 75 hours
26 of either of the ~~following~~ *following, or a combination thereof*:

27 (I) Client centered advocacy, as defined in Section 4980.03.

28 (II) Face-to-face experience counseling individuals, couples,
29 families, or groups.

30 (2) Instruction in all of the following:

31 (A) Diagnosis, assessment, prognosis, and treatment of mental
32 disorders, including severe mental disorders, evidence-based
33 practices, psychological testing, psychopharmacology, and
34 promising mental health practices that are evaluated in peer
35 reviewed literature.

36 (B) Developmental issues from infancy to old age, including
37 instruction in all of the following areas:

38 (i) The effects of developmental issues on individuals, couples,
39 and family relationships.

1 (ii) The psychological, psychotherapeutic, and health
2 implications of developmental issues and their effects.

3 (iii) Aging and its biological, social, cognitive, and
4 psychological aspects. *This coursework shall include instruction*
5 *on the assessment and reporting of, as well as treatment related*
6 *to, elder and dependent adult abuse and neglect.*

7 (iv) A variety of cultural understandings of human development.

8 (v) The understanding of human behavior within the social
9 context of socioeconomic status and other contextual issues
10 affecting social position.

11 (vi) The understanding of human behavior within the social
12 context of a representative variety of the cultures found within
13 California.

14 (vii) The understanding of the impact that personal and social
15 insecurity, social stress, low educational levels, inadequate housing,
16 and malnutrition have on human development.

17 (C) The broad range of matters and life events that may arise
18 within marriage and family relationships and within a variety of
19 California cultures, including instruction in all of the following:

20 (i) A minimum of seven contact hours of training or coursework
21 in child abuse assessment and reporting as specified in Section 28,
22 and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

23 (ii) Spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, intervention
24 strategies, and same gender abuse dynamics.

25 (iii) Cultural factors relevant to abuse of partners and family
26 members.

27 (iv) Childbirth, child rearing, parenting, and stepparenting.

28 (v) Marriage, divorce, and blended families.

29 (vi) Long-term care.

30 (vii) End of life and grief.

31 (viii) Poverty and deprivation.

32 (ix) Financial and social stress.

33 (x) Effects of trauma.

34 (xi) The psychological, psychotherapeutic, community, and
35 health implications of the matters and life events described in
36 clauses (i) to (x), inclusive.

37 (D) Cultural competency and sensitivity, including a familiarity
38 with the racial, cultural, linguistic, and ethnic backgrounds of
39 persons living in California.

1 (E) Multicultural development and cross-cultural interaction,
2 including experiences of race, ethnicity, class, spirituality, sexual
3 orientation, gender, and disability, and their incorporation into the
4 psychotherapeutic process.

5 (F) The effects of socioeconomic status on treatment and
6 available resources.

7 (G) Resilience, including the personal and community qualities
8 that enable persons to cope with adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats,
9 or other stresses.

10 (H) Human sexuality, including the study of physiological,
11 psychological, and social cultural variables associated with sexual
12 behavior and gender identity, and the assessment and treatment of
13 psychosexual dysfunction.

14 (I) Substance use disorders, co-occurring disorders, and
15 addiction, including, but not limited to, instruction in all of the
16 following:

17 (i) The definition of substance use disorders, co-occurring
18 disorders, and addiction. For purposes of this subparagraph,
19 “co-occurring disorders” means a mental illness and substance
20 abuse diagnosis occurring simultaneously in an individual.

21 (ii) Medical aspects of substance use disorders and co-occurring
22 disorders.

23 (iii) The effects of psychoactive drug use.

24 (iv) Current theories of the etiology of substance abuse and
25 addiction.

26 (v) The role of persons and systems that support or compound
27 substance abuse and addiction.

28 (vi) Major approaches to identification, evaluation, and treatment
29 of substance use disorders, co-occurring disorders, and addiction,
30 including, but not limited to, best practices.

31 (vii) Legal aspects of substance abuse.

32 (viii) Populations at risk with regard to substance use disorders
33 and co-occurring disorders.

34 (ix) Community resources offering screening, assessment,
35 treatment, and followup for the affected person and family.

36 (x) Recognition of substance use disorders, co-occurring
37 disorders, and addiction, and appropriate referral.

38 (xi) The prevention of substance use disorders and addiction.

(J) California law and professional ethics for marriage and family therapists, including instruction in all of the following areas of study:

(i) Contemporary professional ethics and statutory, regulatory, and decisional laws that delineate the scope of practice of marriage and family therapy.

(ii) The therapeutic, clinical, and practical considerations involved in the legal and ethical practice of marriage and family therapy, including, but not limited to, family law.

(iii) The current legal patterns and trends in the mental health professions.

(iv) The psychotherapist-patient privilege, confidentiality, the patient dangerous to self or others, and the treatment of minors with and without parental consent.

(v) A recognition and exploration of the relationship between a practitioner's sense of self and human values and his or her professional behavior and ethics.

(vi) Differences in legal and ethical standards for different types of work settings.

(vii) Licensing law and licensing process.

(e) The degree described in subdivision (b) shall, in addition to meeting the requirements of subdivision (d), include instruction in case management, systems of care for the severely mentally ill, public and private services and supports available for the severely mentally ill, community resources for persons with mental illness and for victims of abuse, disaster and trauma response, advocacy for the severely mentally ill, and collaborative treatment. This instruction may be provided either in credit level coursework or through extension programs offered by the degree-granting institution.

(f) The changes made to law by this section are intended to improve the educational qualifications for licensure in order to better prepare future licentiates for practice, and are not intended to expand or restrict the scope of practice for marriage and family therapists.

~~SEC. 16.~~

SEC. 17. Section 4980.37 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4980.37. (a) This section shall apply to applicants for licensure or registration who begin graduate study before August 1, 2012,

1 and complete that study on or before December 31, 2018. Those
2 applicants may alternatively qualify under paragraph (2) of
3 subdivision (a) of Section 4980.36.

4 (b) To qualify for a license or registration, applicants shall
5 possess a doctor's or master's degree in marriage, family, and child
6 counseling, marriage and family therapy, couple and family
7 therapy, psychology, clinical psychology, counseling psychology,
8 or counseling with an emphasis in either marriage, family, and
9 child counseling or marriage and family therapy, obtained from a
10 school, college, or university accredited by a regional accrediting
11 agency that is recognized by the United States Department of
12 Education or approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary
13 Education. The board has the authority to make the final
14 determination as to whether a degree meets all requirements,
15 including, but not limited to, course requirements, regardless of
16 accreditation or approval. In order to qualify for licensure pursuant
17 to this section, a doctor's or master's degree program shall be a
18 single, integrated program primarily designed to train marriage
19 and family therapists and shall contain no less than 48 semester
20 or 72 quarter units of instruction. This instruction shall include no
21 less than 12 semester units or 18 quarter units of coursework in
22 the areas of marriage, family, and child counseling, and marital
23 and family systems approaches to treatment. The coursework shall
24 include all of the following areas:

25 (1) The salient theories of a variety of psychotherapeutic
26 orientations directly related to marriage and family therapy, and
27 marital and family systems approaches to treatment.

28 (2) Theories of marriage and family therapy and how they can
29 be utilized in order to intervene therapeutically with couples,
30 families, adults, children, and groups.

31 (3) Developmental issues and life events from infancy to old
32 age and their effect on individuals, couples, and family
33 relationships. This may include coursework that focuses on specific
34 family life events and the psychological, psychotherapeutic, and
35 health implications that arise within couples and families,
36 including, but not limited to, childbirth, child rearing, childhood,
37 adolescence, adulthood, marriage, divorce, blended families,
38 stepparenting, abuse and neglect of older and dependent adults,
39 and geropsychology.

40 (4) A variety of approaches to the treatment of children.

1 The board shall, by regulation, set forth the subjects of instruction
2 required in this subdivision.

3 (c) (1) In addition to the 12 semester or 18 quarter units of
4 coursework specified in subdivision (b), the doctor's or master's
5 degree program shall contain not less than six semester or nine
6 quarter units of supervised practicum in applied psychotherapeutic
7 technique, assessments, diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment of
8 premarital, couple, family, and child relationships, including
9 dysfunctions, healthy functioning, health promotion, and illness
10 prevention, in a supervised clinical placement that provides
11 supervised fieldwork experience within the scope of practice of a
12 marriage and family therapist.

13 (2) For applicants who enrolled in a degree program on or after
14 January 1, 1995, the practicum shall include a minimum of 150
15 hours of face-to-face experience counseling individuals, couples,
16 families, or groups.

17 (3) The practicum hours shall be considered as part of the 48
18 semester or 72 quarter unit requirement.

19 (d) As an alternative to meeting the qualifications specified in
20 subdivision (b), the board shall accept as equivalent degrees those
21 master's or doctor's degrees granted by educational institutions
22 whose degree program is approved by the Commission on
23 Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education.

24 (e) In order to provide an integrated course of study and
25 appropriate professional training, while allowing for innovation
26 and individuality in the education of marriage and family therapists,
27 a degree program that meets the educational qualifications for
28 licensure or registration under this section shall do all of the
29 following:

30 (1) Provide an integrated course of study that trains students
31 generally in the diagnosis, assessment, prognosis, and treatment
32 of mental disorders.

33 (2) Prepare students to be familiar with the broad range of
34 matters that may arise within marriage and family relationships.

35 (3) Train students specifically in the application of marriage
36 and family relationship counseling principles and methods.

37 (4) Encourage students to develop those personal qualities that
38 are intimately related to the counseling situation such as integrity,
39 sensitivity, flexibility, insight, compassion, and personal presence.

1 (5) Teach students a variety of effective psychotherapeutic
2 techniques and modalities that may be utilized to improve, restore,
3 or maintain healthy individual, couple, and family relationships.

4 (6) Permit an emphasis or specialization that may address any
5 one or more of the unique and complex array of human problems,
6 symptoms, and needs of Californians served by marriage and
7 family therapists.

8 (7) Prepare students to be familiar with cross-cultural mores
9 and values, including a familiarity with the wide range of racial
10 and ethnic backgrounds common among California's population,
11 including, but not limited to, Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, and Native
12 Americans.

13 (f) Educational institutions are encouraged to design the
14 practicum required by this section to include marriage and family
15 therapy experience in low income and multicultural mental health
16 settings.

17 (g) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2019,
18 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that
19 is enacted before January 1, 2019, deletes or extends that date.

20 ~~SEC. 17.~~

21 *SEC. 18.* Section 4980.399 of the Business and Professions
22 Code is amended to read:

23 4980.399. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (a) of Section
24 4980.398, each applicant and registrant shall obtain a passing score
25 on a board-administered California law and ethics examination in
26 order to qualify for licensure.

27 (b) A registrant shall participate in a board-administered
28 California law and ethics examination prior to his or her registration
29 renewal.

30 (c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), an applicant who holds a
31 registration eligible for renewal, with an expiration date no later
32 than June 30, 2016, and who applies for renewal of that registration
33 between January 1, 2016, and June 30, 2016, shall, if eligible, be
34 allowed to renew the registration without first participating in the
35 California law and ethics examination. These applicants shall
36 participate in the California law and ethics examination in the next
37 renewal cycle, and shall pass the examination prior to licensure or
38 issuance of a subsequent registration number, as specified in this
39 section.

1 (d) If an applicant fails the California law and ethics
2 examination, he or she may retake the examination, upon payment
3 of the required fees, without further application except as provided
4 in subdivision (e).

5 (e) If a registrant fails to obtain a passing score on the California
6 law and ethics examination described in subdivision (a) within his
7 or her renewal period on or after the operative date of this section,
8 he or she shall complete, at a minimum, a 12-hour course in
9 California law and ethics in order to be eligible to participate in
10 the California law and ethics examination. Registrants shall only
11 take the 12-hour California law and ethics course once during a
12 renewal period. The 12-hour law and ethics course required by
13 this section shall be taken through a board-approved continuing
14 education provider, a county, state or governmental entity, or a
15 college or university.

16 (f) The board shall not issue a subsequent registration number
17 unless the registrant has passed the California law and ethics
18 examination.

19 (g) Notwithstanding subdivision (f), an applicant who holds or
20 has held a registration, with an expiration date no later than January
21 1, 2017, and who applies for a subsequent registration number
22 between January 1, 2016, and January 1, 2017, shall, if eligible,
23 be allowed to obtain the subsequent registration number without
24 first passing the California law and ethics examination. These
25 applicants shall pass the California law and ethics examination
26 during the next renewal period or prior to licensure, whichever
27 occurs first.

28 (h) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2016.

29 ~~SEC. 18.~~

30 *SEC. 19.* Section 4980.41 of the Business and Professions Code
31 is amended to read:

32 4980.41. (a) An applicant for licensure whose education
33 qualifies him or her under Section 4980.37 shall complete the
34 following coursework or training in order to be eligible to sit for
35 the licensing examinations as specified in subdivision (d) of Section
36 4980.40:

37 (1) A two semester or three quarter unit course in California
38 law and professional ethics for marriage and family therapists,
39 which shall include, but not be limited to, the following areas of
40 study:

1 (A) Contemporary professional ethics and statutory, regulatory,
2 and decisional laws that delineate the profession's scope of
3 practice.

4 (B) The therapeutic, clinical, and practical considerations
5 involved in the legal and ethical practice of marriage and family
6 therapy, including family law.

7 (C) The current legal patterns and trends in the mental health
8 profession.

9 (D) The psychotherapist-patient privilege, confidentiality, the
10 patient dangerous to self or others, and the treatment of minors
11 with and without parental consent.

12 (E) A recognition and exploration of the relationship between
13 a practitioner's sense of self and human values and his or her
14 professional behavior and ethics.

15 This course may be considered as part of the 48 semester or 72
16 quarter unit requirements contained in Section 4980.37.

17 (2) A minimum of seven contact hours of training or coursework
18 in child abuse assessment and reporting as specified in Section 28
19 and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

20 (3) A minimum of 10 contact hours of training or coursework
21 in human sexuality as specified in Section 25, and any regulations
22 promulgated thereunder. When coursework in a master's or
23 doctor's degree program is acquired to satisfy this requirement, it
24 shall be considered as part of the 48 semester or 72 quarter unit
25 requirement contained in Section 4980.37.

26 (4) For persons who began graduate study on or after January
27 1, 1986, a master's or doctor's degree qualifying for licensure shall
28 include specific instruction in alcoholism and other chemical
29 substance dependency as specified by regulation. When coursework
30 in a master's or doctor's degree program is acquired to satisfy this
31 requirement, it shall be considered as part of the 48 semester or
32 72 quarter unit requirement contained in Section 4980.37.
33 Coursework required under this paragraph may be satisfactory if
34 taken either in fulfillment of other educational requirements for
35 licensure or in a separate course. The applicant may satisfy this
36 requirement by successfully completing this coursework from a
37 master's or doctoral degree program at an accredited or approved
38 institution, as described in subdivision (b) of Section 4980.37, or
39 from a board-accepted provider of continuing education, as
40 described in Section 4980.54.

(5) For persons who began graduate study during the period commencing on January 1, 1995, and ending on December 31, 2003, a master's or doctor's degree qualifying for licensure shall include coursework in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention. For persons who began graduate study on or after January 1, 2004, a master's or doctor's degree qualifying for licensure shall include a minimum of 15 contact hours of coursework in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention strategies, including knowledge of community resources, cultural factors, and same gender abuse dynamics. Coursework required under this paragraph may be satisfactory if taken either in fulfillment of other educational requirements for licensure or in a separate course. The applicant may satisfy this requirement by successfully completing this coursework from a master's or doctoral degree program at an accredited or approved institution, as described in subdivision (b) of Section 4980.37, or from a board-accepted provider of continuing education, as described in Section 4980.54.

(6) For persons who began graduate study on or after January 1, 2001, an applicant shall complete a minimum of a two semester or three quarter unit survey course in psychological testing. When coursework in a master's or doctor's degree program is acquired to satisfy this requirement, it may be considered as part of the 48 semester or 72 quarter unit requirement of Section 4980.37.

(7) For persons who began graduate study on or after January 1, 2001, an applicant shall complete a minimum of a two semester or three quarter unit survey course in psychopharmacology. When coursework in a master's or doctor's degree program is acquired to satisfy this requirement, it may be considered as part of the 48 semester or 72 quarter unit requirement of Section 4980.37.

(8) The requirements added by paragraphs (6) and (7) are intended to improve the educational qualifications for licensure in order to better prepare future licentiates for practice and are not intended in any way to expand or restrict the scope of practice for licensed marriage and family therapists.

(b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2019, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2019, deletes or extends that date.

~~SEC. 19.~~

SEC. 20. Section 4980.43 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4980.43. (a) Prior to applying for licensure examinations, each applicant shall complete experience that shall comply with the following:

(1) A minimum of 3,000 hours completed during a period of at least 104 weeks.

(2) Not more than 40 hours in any seven consecutive days.

(3) Not less than 1,700 hours of supervised experience completed subsequent to the granting of the qualifying master's or doctoral degree.

(4) (A) Not more than 1,300 hours of supervised experience obtained prior to completing a master's or doctoral degree.

(B) The applicant shall not be credited with more than 750 hours of counseling and direct supervisor contact prior to completing the master's or doctoral degree.

(5) No hours of experience may be gained prior to completing either 12 semester units or 18 quarter units of graduate instruction and becoming a trainee except for personal psychotherapy.

(6) No hours of experience may be gained more than six years prior to the date the application for examination eligibility was filed, except that up to 500 hours of clinical experience gained in the supervised practicum required by subdivision (c) of Section 4980.37 and subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 4980.36 shall be exempt from this six-year requirement.

(7) Not more than a combined total of 1,000 hours of experience in the following:

(A) Direct supervisor contact.

(B) Professional enrichment activities. For purposes of this chapter, "professional enrichment activities" include the following:

(i) Workshops, seminars, training sessions, or conferences directly related to marriage and family therapy attended by the applicant that are approved by the applicant's supervisor. An applicant shall have no more than 250 hours of verified attendance at these workshops, seminars, training sessions, or conferences.

(ii) Participation by the applicant in personal psychotherapy, which includes group, marital or conjoint, family, or individual psychotherapy by an appropriately licensed professional. An applicant shall have no more than 100 hours of participation in

1 personal psychotherapy. The applicant shall be credited with three
2 hours of experience for each hour of personal psychotherapy.

3 (8) Not more than 500 hours of experience providing group
4 therapy or group counseling.

5 (9) For all hours gained on or after January 1, 2012, not more
6 than 500 hours of experience in the following:

7 (A) Experience administering and evaluating psychological
8 tests, writing clinical reports, writing progress notes, or writing
9 process notes.

10 (B) Client centered advocacy.

11 (10) Not less than 500 total hours of experience in diagnosing
12 and treating couples, families, and children. For up to 150 hours
13 of treating couples and families in conjoint therapy, the applicant
14 shall be credited with two hours of experience for each hour of
15 therapy provided.

16 (11) Not more than 375 hours of experience providing personal
17 psychotherapy, crisis counseling, or other counseling services via
18 telehealth in accordance with Section 2290.5.

19 (12) It is anticipated and encouraged that hours of experience
20 will include working with elders and dependent adults who have
21 physical or mental limitations that restrict their ability to carry out
22 normal activities or protect their rights.

23 This subdivision shall only apply to hours gained on and after
24 January 1, 2010.

25 (b) All applicants, trainees, and registrants shall be at all times
26 under the supervision of a supervisor who shall be responsible for
27 ensuring that the extent, kind, and quality of counseling performed
28 is consistent with the training and experience of the person being
29 supervised, and who shall be responsible to the board for
30 compliance with all laws, rules, and regulations governing the
31 practice of marriage and family therapy. Supervised experience
32 shall be gained by interns and trainees only as an employee or as
33 a volunteer. The requirements of this chapter regarding gaining
34 hours of experience and supervision are applicable equally to
35 employees and volunteers. Experience shall not be gained by
36 interns or trainees as an independent contractor.

37 (1) If employed, an intern shall provide the board with copies
38 of the corresponding W-2 tax forms for each year of experience
39 claimed upon application for licensure.

1 (2) If volunteering, an intern shall provide the board with a letter
2 from his or her employer verifying the intern's employment as a
3 volunteer upon application for licensure.

4 (c) Except for experience gained pursuant to subparagraph (B)
5 of paragraph (7) of subdivision (a), supervision shall include at
6 least one hour of direct supervisor contact in each week for which
7 experience is credited in each work setting, as specified:

8 (1) A trainee shall receive an average of at least one hour of
9 direct supervisor contact for every five hours of client contact in
10 each setting.

11 (2) An individual supervised after being granted a qualifying
12 degree shall receive at least one additional hour of direct supervisor
13 contact for every week in which more than 10 hours of client
14 contact is gained in each setting. No more than five hours of
15 supervision, whether individual or group, shall be credited during
16 any single week.

17 (3) For purposes of this section, "one hour of direct supervisor
18 contact" means one hour per week of face-to-face contact on an
19 individual basis or two hours per week of face-to-face contact in
20 a group.

21 (4) Direct supervisor contact shall occur within the same week
22 as the hours claimed.

23 (5) Direct supervisor contact provided in a group shall be
24 provided in a group of not more than eight supervisees and in
25 segments lasting no less than one continuous hour.

26 (6) Notwithstanding paragraph (3), an intern working in a
27 governmental entity, a school, a college, or a university, or an
28 institution that is both nonprofit and charitable may obtain the
29 required weekly direct supervisor contact via two-way, real-time
30 videoconferencing. The supervisor shall be responsible for ensuring
31 that client confidentiality is upheld.

32 (7) All experience gained by a trainee shall be monitored by the
33 supervisor as specified by regulation.

34 (d) (1) A trainee may be credited with supervised experience
35 completed in any setting that meets all of the following:

36 (A) Lawfully and regularly provides mental health counseling
37 or psychotherapy.

38 (B) Provides oversight to ensure that the trainee's work at the
39 setting meets the experience and supervision requirements set forth

1 in this chapter and is within the scope of practice for the profession
2 as defined in Section 4980.02.

3 (C) Is not a private practice owned by a licensed marriage and
4 family therapist, a licensed professional clinical counselor, a
5 licensed psychologist, a licensed clinical social worker, a licensed
6 physician and surgeon, or a professional corporation of any of
7 those licensed professions.

8 (2) Experience may be gained by the trainee solely as part of
9 the position for which the trainee volunteers or is employed.

10 (e) (1) An intern may be credited with supervised experience
11 completed in any setting that meets both of the following:

12 (A) Lawfully and regularly provides mental health counseling
13 or psychotherapy.

14 (B) Provides oversight to ensure that the intern's work at the
15 setting meets the experience and supervision requirements set forth
16 in this chapter and is within the scope of practice for the profession
17 as defined in Section 4980.02.

18 (2) An applicant shall not be employed or volunteer in a private
19 practice, as defined in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of
20 subdivision (d), until registered as an intern.

21 (3) While an intern may be either a paid employee or a
22 volunteer, employers are encouraged to provide fair remuneration
23 to interns.

24 (4) Except for periods of time during a supervisor's vacation or
25 sick leave, an intern who is employed or volunteering in private
26 practice shall be under the direct supervision of a licensee that has
27 satisfied the requirements of subdivision (g) of Section 4980.03.
28 The supervising licensee shall either be employed by and practice
29 at the same site as the intern's employer, or shall be an owner or
30 shareholder of the private practice. Alternative supervision may
31 be arranged during a supervisor's vacation or sick leave if the
32 supervision meets the requirements of this section.

33 (5) Experience may be gained by the intern solely as part of the
34 position for which the intern volunteers or is employed.

35 (f) Except as provided in subdivision (g), all persons shall
36 register with the board as an intern in order to be credited for
37 postdegree hours of supervised experience gained toward licensure.

38 (g) Except when employed in a private practice setting, all
39 postdegree hours of experience shall be credited toward licensure
40 so long as the applicant applies for the intern registration within

1 90 days of the granting of the qualifying master's or doctoral
2 degree and is thereafter granted the intern registration by the board.

3 (h) Trainees, interns, and applicants shall not receive any
4 remuneration from patients or clients, and shall only be paid by
5 their employers.

6 (i) Trainees, interns, and applicants shall only perform services
7 at the place where their employers regularly conduct business,
8 which may include performing services at other locations, so long
9 as the services are performed under the direction and control of
10 their employer and supervisor, and in compliance with the laws
11 and regulations pertaining to supervision. Trainees and interns
12 shall have no proprietary interest in their employers' businesses
13 and shall not lease or rent space, pay for furnishings, equipment,
14 or supplies, or in any other way pay for the obligations of their
15 employers.

16 (j) Trainees, interns, or applicants who provide volunteered
17 services or other services, and who receive no more than a total,
18 from all work settings, of five hundred dollars (\$500) per month
19 as reimbursement for expenses actually incurred by those trainees,
20 interns, or applicants for services rendered in any lawful work
21 setting other than a private practice shall be considered an
22 employee and not an independent contractor. The board may audit
23 applicants who receive reimbursement for expenses, and the
24 applicants shall have the burden of demonstrating that the payments
25 received were for reimbursement of expenses actually incurred.

26 (k) Each educational institution preparing applicants for
27 licensure pursuant to this chapter shall consider requiring, and
28 shall encourage, its students to undergo individual, marital or
29 conjoint, family, or group counseling or psychotherapy, as
30 appropriate. Each supervisor shall consider, advise, and encourage
31 his or her interns and trainees regarding the advisability of
32 undertaking individual, marital or conjoint, family, or group
33 counseling or psychotherapy, as appropriate. Insofar as it is deemed
34 appropriate and is desired by the applicant, the educational
35 institution and supervisors are encouraged to assist the applicant
36 in locating that counseling or psychotherapy at a reasonable cost.

37 ~~SEC. 20.~~

38 *SEC. 21.* Section 4980.55 of the Business and Professions Code
39 is amended to read:

1 4980.55. As a model for all therapeutic professions, and to
2 acknowledge respect and regard for the consuming public, all
3 licensed marriage and family therapists are encouraged to provide
4 to each client, at an appropriate time and within the context of the
5 psychotherapeutic relationship, an accurate and informative
6 statement of the therapist's experience, education, specialties,
7 professional orientation, and any other information deemed
8 appropriate by the licensee.

9 ~~SEC. 21.~~

10 *SEC. 22.* Section 4980.72 of the Business and Professions Code
11 is amended to read:

12 4980.72. (a) This section applies to persons who are licensed
13 outside of California and apply for licensure on or after January
14 1, 2016.

15 (b) The board may issue a license to a person who, at the time
16 of submitting an application for a license pursuant to this chapter,
17 holds a valid license in good standing issued by a board of marriage
18 counselor examiners, board of marriage and family therapists, or
19 corresponding authority, of any state or country, if all of the
20 following conditions are satisfied:

21 (1) The applicant's education is substantially equivalent, as
22 defined in Section 4980.78. The applicant's degree title need not
23 be identical to that required by Section 4980.36 or 4980.37.

24 (2) The applicant complies with Section 4980.76, if applicable.

25 (3) The applicant's supervised experience is substantially
26 equivalent to that required for a license under this chapter. The
27 board shall consider hours of experience obtained outside of
28 California during the six-year period immediately preceding the
29 date the applicant initially obtained the license described above.

30 (4) The applicant passes the California law and ethics
31 examination.

32 (5) The applicant passes a clinical examination designated by
33 the board. An applicant who obtained his or her license or
34 registration under another jurisdiction may apply for licensure with
35 the board without taking the clinical examination if both of the
36 following conditions are met:

37 (A) The applicant obtained a passing score on the licensing
38 examination set forth in regulation as accepted by the board.

39 (B) The applicant's license or registration in that jurisdiction is
40 in good standing at the time of his or her application and is not

1 revoked, suspended, surrendered, denied, or otherwise restricted
2 or encumbered.

3 ~~SEC. 22.~~

4 *SEC. 23.* Section 4980.78 of the Business and Professions Code
5 is amended to read:

6 4980.78. (a) This section applies to persons who apply for
7 licensure or registration on or after January 1, 2016.

8 (b) For purposes of Sections 4980.72 and 4980.74, education
9 is substantially equivalent if all of the following requirements are
10 met:

11 (1) The degree is obtained from a school, college, or university
12 accredited by an accrediting agency that is recognized by the
13 United States Department of Education and consists of, at a
14 minimum, 48 semester or 72 quarter units, including, but not
15 limited to, both of the following:

16 (A) Six semester or nine quarter units of practicum, including,
17 but not limited to, a minimum of 150 hours of face-to-face
18 counseling.

19 (B) Twelve semester or 18 quarter units in the areas of marriage,
20 family, and child counseling and marital and family systems
21 approaches to treatment, as specified in subparagraph (A) of
22 paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 4980.36.

23 (2) The applicant completes any units and course content
24 requirements under subdivision (d) of Section 4980.36 not already
25 completed in his or her education.

26 (3) The applicant completes credit level coursework from a
27 degree-granting institution that provides all of the following:

28 (A) Instruction regarding the principles of mental health
29 recovery-oriented care and methods of service delivery in recovery
30 model practice environments.

31 (B) An understanding of various California cultures and the
32 social and psychological implications of socioeconomic position.

33 (C) Structured meeting with various consumers and family
34 members of consumers of mental health services to enhance
35 understanding of their experience of mental illness, treatment, and
36 recovery.

37 (D) Instruction in addiction and co-occurring substance abuse
38 and mental health disorders, as specified in subparagraph (I) of
39 paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 4980.36.

(4) The applicant completes an 18-hour course in California law and professional ethics. The content of the course shall include, but not be limited to, advertising, scope of practice, scope of competence, treatment of minors, confidentiality, dangerous patients, psychotherapist-patient privilege, recordkeeping, patient access to records, state and federal laws relating to confidentiality of patient health information, dual relationships, child abuse, elder and dependent adult abuse, online therapy, insurance reimbursement, civil liability, disciplinary actions and unprofessional conduct, ethics complaints and ethical standards, termination of therapy, standards of care, relevant family law, therapist disclosures to patients, differences in legal and ethical standards in different types of work settings, and licensing law and licensing process.

(5) The applicant's degree title need not be identical to that required by subdivision (b) of Section 4980.36.

~~SEC. 23.~~

SEC. 24. Section 4987.5 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4987.5. A marriage and family therapy corporation is a corporation that is authorized to render professional services, as defined in Section 13401 of the Corporations Code, so long as that corporation and its shareholders, officers, directors, and employees rendering professional services who are licensed marriage and family therapists, physicians and surgeons, psychologists, licensed professional clinical counselors, licensed clinical social workers, registered nurses, chiropractors, or acupuncturists are in compliance with the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation Act (Part 4 (commencing with Section 13400) of Division 3 of Title 1 of the Corporations Code), this article, and any other statute or regulation pertaining to that corporation and the conduct of its affairs. With respect to a marriage and family therapy corporation, the governmental agency referred to in the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation Act is the Board of Behavioral Sciences.

~~SEC. 24.~~

SEC. 25. Section 4989.16 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4989.16. (a) A person appropriately credentialed by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing may perform the functions

1 authorized by that credential in a public school without a license
2 issued under this chapter by the board.

3 (b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to constrict, limit,
4 or withdraw the Medical Practice Act (Chapter 5 (commencing
5 with Section 2000)), the Nursing Practice Act (Chapter 6
6 (commencing with Section 2700)), the Psychology Licensing Law
7 (Chapter 6.6 (commencing with Section 2900)), the Licensed
8 Marriage and Family Therapist Practice Act (Chapter 13
9 (commencing with Section 4980)), the Clinical Social Worker
10 Practice Act (Chapter 14 (commencing with Section 4991)), or
11 the Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Act (Chapter 16
12 (commencing with Section 4999.10)).

13 ~~SEC. 25.~~

14 *SEC. 26.* Section 4989.22 of the Business and Professions Code
15 is amended to read:

16 4989.22. (a) Only persons who satisfy the requirements of
17 Section 4989.20 are eligible to take the licensure examination.

18 (b) An applicant who fails the written examination may, within
19 one year from the notification date of failure, retake the
20 examination as regularly scheduled without further application.
21 Thereafter, the applicant shall not be eligible for further
22 examination until he or she files a new application, meets all
23 current requirements, and pays all fees required.

24 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the board may
25 destroy all examination materials two years after the date of an
26 examination.

27 (d) The board shall not deny any applicant, whose application
28 for licensure is complete, admission to the written examination,
29 nor shall the board postpone or delay any applicant's written
30 examination or delay informing the candidate of the results of the
31 written examination, solely upon the receipt by the board of a
32 complaint alleging acts or conduct that would constitute grounds
33 to deny licensure.

34 (e) Notwithstanding Section 135, the board may deny any
35 applicant who has previously failed the written examination
36 permission to retake the examination pending completion of the
37 investigation of any complaint against the applicant. Nothing in
38 this section shall prohibit the board from denying an applicant
39 admission to any examination, withholding the results, or refusing
40 to issue a license to any applicant when an accusation or statement

1 of issues has been filed against the applicant pursuant to Section
2 11503 or 11504 of the Government Code, or the applicant has been
3 denied in accordance with subdivision (b) of Section 485.

4 ~~SEC. 26.~~

5 *SEC. 27.* Section 4992.09 of the Business and Professions Code
6 is amended to read:

7 4992.09. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (a) of Section
8 4992.07, an applicant and registrant shall obtain a passing score
9 on a board-administered California law and ethics examination in
10 order to qualify for licensure.

11 (b) A registrant shall participate in a board-administered
12 California law and ethics examination prior to his or her registration
13 renewal.

14 (c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), an applicant who holds a
15 registration eligible for renewal, with an expiration date no later
16 than June 30, 2016, and who applies for renewal of that registration
17 between January 1, 2016, and June 30, 2016, shall, if eligible, be
18 allowed to renew the registration without first participating in the
19 California law and ethics examination. These applicants shall
20 participate in the California law and ethics examination in the next
21 renewal cycle, and shall pass the examination prior to licensure or
22 issuance of a subsequent registration number, as specified in this
23 section.

24 (d) If an applicant fails the California law and ethics
25 examination, he or she may retake the examination, upon payment
26 of the required fees, without further application except for as
27 provided in subdivision (e).

28 (e) If a registrant fails to obtain a passing score on the California
29 law and ethics examination described in subdivision (a) within his
30 or her renewal period on or after the operative date of this section,
31 he or she shall complete, at a minimum, a 12-hour course in
32 California law and ethics in order to be eligible to participate in
33 the California law and ethics examination. Registrants shall only
34 take the 12-hour California law and ethics course once during a
35 renewal period. The 12-hour law and ethics course required by
36 this section shall be taken through a board-approved continuing
37 education provider, a county, state or governmental entity, or a
38 college or university.

1 (f) The board shall not issue a subsequent registration number
2 unless the registrant has passed the California law and ethics
3 examination.

4 (g) Notwithstanding subdivision (f), an applicant who holds or
5 has held a registration, with an expiration date no later than January
6 1, 2017, and who applies for a subsequent registration number
7 between January 1, 2016, and January 1, 2017, shall, if eligible,
8 be allowed to obtain the subsequent registration number without
9 first passing the California law and ethics examination. These
10 applicants shall pass the California law and ethics examination
11 during the next renewal period or prior to licensure, whichever
12 occurs first.

13 (h) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2016.

14 ~~SEC. 27:~~

15 *SEC. 28.* Section 4996.17 of the Business and Professions Code
16 is amended to read:

17 4996.17. (a) (1) Experience gained outside of California shall
18 be accepted toward the licensure requirements if it is substantially
19 the equivalent of the requirements of this chapter.

20 (2) Commencing January 1, 2014, an applicant with education
21 gained outside of California shall complete an 18-hour course in
22 California law and professional ethics. The content of the course
23 shall include, but not be limited to, the following: advertising,
24 scope of practice, scope of competence, treatment of minors,
25 confidentiality, dangerous patients, psychotherapist-patient
26 privilege, recordkeeping, patient access to records, state and federal
27 laws related to confidentiality of patient health information, dual
28 relationships, child abuse, elder and dependent adult abuse, online
29 therapy, insurance reimbursement, civil liability, disciplinary
30 actions and unprofessional conduct, ethics complaints and ethical
31 standards, termination of therapy, standards of care, relevant family
32 law, therapist disclosures to patients, differences in legal and ethical
33 standards in different types of work settings, and licensing law
34 and process.

35 (b) The board may issue a license to any person who, at the time
36 of application, holds a valid active clinical social work license
37 issued by a board of clinical social work examiners or
38 corresponding authority of any state, if the person passes, or has
39 passed, the licensing examinations as specified in Section 4996.1

1 and pays the required fees. Issuance of the license is conditioned
2 upon all of the following:

3 (1) The applicant has supervised experience that is substantially
4 the equivalent of that required by this chapter. If the applicant has
5 less than 3,200 hours of qualifying supervised experience, time
6 actively licensed as a clinical social worker shall be accepted at a
7 rate of 100 hours per month up to a maximum of 1,200 hours.

8 (2) Completion of the following coursework or training in or
9 out of this state:

10 (A) A minimum of seven contact hours of training or coursework
11 in child abuse assessment and reporting as specified in Section 28,
12 and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

13 (B) A minimum of 10 contact hours of training or coursework
14 in human sexuality as specified in Section 25, and any regulations
15 promulgated thereunder.

16 (C) A minimum of 15 contact hours of training or coursework
17 in alcoholism and other chemical substance dependency, as
18 specified by regulation.

19 (D) A minimum of 15 contact hours of coursework or training
20 in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention
21 strategies.

22 (3) Commencing January 1, 2014, completion of an 18-hour
23 course in California law and professional ethics. The content of
24 the course shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
25 advertising, scope of practice, scope of competence, treatment of
26 minors, confidentiality, dangerous patients, psychotherapist-patient
27 privilege, recordkeeping, patient access to records, state and federal
28 laws related to confidentiality of patient health information, dual
29 relationships, child abuse, elder and dependent adult abuse, online
30 therapy, insurance reimbursement, civil liability, disciplinary
31 actions and unprofessional conduct, ethics complaints and ethical
32 standards, termination of therapy, standards of care, relevant family
33 law, therapist disclosures to patients, differences in legal and ethical
34 standards in different types of work settings, and licensing law
35 and process.

36 (4) The applicant's license is not suspended, revoked, restricted,
37 sanctioned, or voluntarily surrendered in any state.

38 (5) The applicant is not currently under investigation in any
39 other state, and has not been charged with an offense for any act
40 substantially related to the practice of social work by any public

1 agency, entered into any consent agreement or been subject to an
2 administrative decision that contains conditions placed by an
3 agency upon an applicant's professional conduct or practice,
4 including any voluntary surrender of license, or been the subject
5 of an adverse judgment resulting from the practice of social work
6 that the board determines constitutes evidence of a pattern of
7 incompetence or negligence.

8 (6) The applicant shall provide a certification from each state
9 where he or she holds a license pertaining to licensure, disciplinary
10 action, and complaints pending.

11 (7) The applicant is not subject to denial of licensure under
12 Section 480, 4992.3, 4992.35, or 4992.36.

13 (c) The board may issue a license to any person who, at the time
14 of application, holds a valid, active clinical social work license
15 issued by a board of clinical social work examiners or a
16 corresponding authority of any state, if the person has held that
17 license for at least four years immediately preceding the date of
18 application, the person passes, or has passed, the licensing
19 examinations as specified in Section 4996.1, and the person pays
20 the required fees. Issuance of the license is conditioned upon all
21 of the following:

22 (1) Completion of the following coursework or training in or
23 out of state:

24 (A) A minimum of seven contact hours of training or coursework
25 in child abuse assessment and reporting as specified in Section 28,
26 and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

27 (B) A minimum of 10 contact hours of training or coursework
28 in human sexuality as specified in Section 25, and any regulations
29 promulgated thereunder.

30 (C) A minimum of 15 contact hours of training or coursework
31 in alcoholism and other chemical substance dependency, as
32 specified by regulation.

33 (D) A minimum of 15 contact hours of coursework or training
34 in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention
35 strategies.

36 (2) Commencing January 1, 2014, completion of an 18-hour
37 course in California law and professional ethics. The content of
38 the course shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
39 advertising, scope of practice, scope of competence, treatment of
40 minors, confidentiality, dangerous patients, psychotherapist-patient

1 privilege, recordkeeping, patient access to records, state and federal
2 laws related to confidentiality of patient health information, dual
3 relationships, child abuse, elder and dependent adult abuse, online
4 therapy, insurance reimbursement, civil liability, disciplinary
5 actions and unprofessional conduct, ethics complaints and ethical
6 standards, termination of therapy, standards of care, relevant family
7 law, therapist disclosures to patients, differences in legal and ethical
8 standards in different types of work settings, and licensing law
9 and process.

10 (3) The applicant has been licensed as a clinical social worker
11 continuously for a minimum of four years prior to the date of
12 application.

13 (4) The applicant's license is not suspended, revoked, restricted,
14 sanctioned, or voluntarily surrendered in any state.

15 (5) The applicant is not currently under investigation in any
16 other state, and has not been charged with an offense for any act
17 substantially related to the practice of social work by any public
18 agency, entered into any consent agreement or been subject to an
19 administrative decision that contains conditions placed by an
20 agency upon an applicant's professional conduct or practice,
21 including any voluntary surrender of license, or been the subject
22 of an adverse judgment resulting from the practice of social work
23 that the board determines constitutes evidence of a pattern of
24 incompetence or negligence.

25 (6) The applicant provides a certification from each state where
26 he or she holds a license pertaining to licensure, disciplinary action,
27 and complaints pending.

28 (7) The applicant is not subject to denial of licensure under
29 Section 480, 4992.3, 4992.35, or 4992.36.

30 (d) Commencing January 1, 2016, an applicant who obtained
31 his or her license or registration under another jurisdiction may
32 apply for licensure with the board without taking the clinical
33 examination specified in Section 4996.1 if the applicant obtained
34 a passing score on the licensing examination set forth in regulation
35 as accepted by the board.

36 ~~SEC. 28.~~

37 *SEC. 29.* Section 4996.23 of the Business and Professions Code
38 is amended to read:

39 4996.23. The experience required by subdivision (c) of Section
40 4996.2 shall meet the following criteria:

(a) All persons registered with the board on and after January 1, 2002, shall have at least 3,200 hours of post-master's degree supervised experience providing clinical social work services as permitted by Section 4996.9. At least 1,700 hours shall be gained under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker. The remaining required supervised experience may be gained under the supervision of a licensed mental health professional acceptable to the board as defined by a regulation adopted by the board. This experience shall consist of the following:

(1) A minimum of 2,000 hours in clinical psychosocial diagnosis, assessment, and treatment, including psychotherapy or counseling.

(2) A maximum of 1,200 hours in client-centered advocacy, consultation, evaluation, and research.

(3) Of the 2,000 clinical hours required in paragraph (1), no less than 750 hours shall be face-to-face individual or group psychotherapy provided to clients in the context of clinical social work services.

(4) A minimum of two years of supervised experience is required to be obtained over a period of not less than 104 weeks and shall have been gained within the six years immediately preceding the date on which the application for licensure was filed.

(5) Experience shall not be credited for more than 40 hours in any week.

(b) "Supervision" means responsibility for, and control of, the quality of clinical social work services being provided. Consultation or peer discussion shall not be considered to be supervision.

(c) (1) Prior to the commencement of supervision, a supervisor shall comply with all requirements enumerated in Section 1870 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations and shall sign under penalty of perjury the "Responsibility Statement for Supervisors of an Associate Clinical Social Worker" form.

(2) Supervised experience shall include at least one hour of direct supervisor contact for a minimum of 104 weeks. For purposes of this subdivision, "one hour of direct supervisor contact" means one hour per week of face-to-face contact on an individual basis or two hours of face-to-face contact in a group conducted within the same week as the hours claimed.

1 (3) An associate shall receive at least one additional hour of
2 direct supervisor contact for every week in which more than 10
3 hours of face-to-face psychotherapy is performed in each setting
4 in which experience is gained. No more than five hours of
5 supervision, whether individual or group, shall be credited during
6 any single week.

7 (4) Group supervision shall be provided in a group of not more
8 than eight supervisees and shall be provided in segments lasting
9 no less than one continuous hour.

10 (5) Of the 104 weeks of required supervision, 52 weeks shall
11 be individual supervision, and of the 52 weeks of required
12 individual supervision, not less than 13 weeks shall be supervised
13 by a licensed clinical social worker.

14 (6) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), an associate clinical social
15 worker working for a governmental entity, school, college, or
16 university, or an institution that is both a nonprofit and charitable
17 institution, may obtain the required weekly direct supervisor
18 contact via live two-way videoconferencing. The supervisor shall
19 be responsible for ensuring that client confidentiality is preserved.

20 (d) The supervisor and the associate shall develop a supervisory
21 plan that describes the goals and objectives of supervision. These
22 goals shall include the ongoing assessment of strengths and
23 limitations and the assurance of practice in accordance with the
24 laws and regulations. The associate shall submit to the board the
25 initial original supervisory plan upon application for licensure.

26 (e) Experience shall only be gained in a setting that meets both
27 of the following:

28 (1) Lawfully and regularly provides clinical social work, mental
29 health counseling, or psychotherapy.

30 (2) Provides oversight to ensure that the associate's work at the
31 setting meets the experience and supervision requirements set forth
32 in this chapter and is within the scope of practice for the profession
33 as defined in Section 4996.9.

34 (f) Experience shall not be gained until the applicant has been
35 registered as an associate clinical social worker.

36 (g) Employment in a private practice as defined in subdivision
37 (h) shall not commence until the applicant has been registered as
38 an associate clinical social worker.

39 (h) A private practice setting is a setting that is owned by a
40 licensed clinical social worker, a licensed marriage and family

1 therapist, a licensed psychologist, a licensed professional clinical
2 counselor, a licensed physician and surgeon, or a professional
3 corporation of any of those licensed professions.

4 (i) If volunteering, the associate shall provide the board with a
5 letter from his or her employer verifying his or her voluntary status
6 upon application for licensure.

7 (j) If employed, the associate shall provide the board with copies
8 of his or her W-2 tax forms for each year of experience claimed
9 upon application for licensure.

10 (k) While an associate may be either a paid employee or
11 volunteer, employers are encouraged to provide fair remuneration
12 to associates.

13 (l) An associate shall not do the following:

14 (1) Receive any remuneration from patients or clients and shall
15 only be paid by his or her employer.

16 (2) Have any proprietary interest in the employer's business.

17 (3) Lease or rent space, pay for furnishings, equipment, or
18 supplies, or in any other way pay for the obligations of his or her
19 employer.

20 (m) An associate, whether employed or volunteering, may obtain
21 supervision from a person not employed by the associate's
22 employer if that person has signed a written agreement with the
23 employer to take supervisory responsibility for the associate's
24 social work services.

25 (n) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, associates and
26 applicants for examination shall receive a minimum of one hour
27 of supervision per week for each setting in which he or she is
28 working.

29 ~~SEC. 29.~~

30 *SEC. 30.* Section 4998 of the Business and Professions Code
31 is amended to read:

32 4998. A licensed clinical social worker corporation is a
33 corporation that is authorized to render professional services, as
34 defined in Section 13401 of the Corporations Code, so long as that
35 corporation and its shareholders, officers, directors, and employees
36 rendering professional services who are licensed clinical social
37 workers, physicians and surgeons, psychologists, licensed
38 professional clinical counselors, licensed marriage and family
39 therapists, registered nurses, chiropractors, or acupuncturists are
40 in compliance with the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation

1 Act (Part 4 (commencing with Section 13400) of Division 3 of
2 Title 1 of the Corporations Code), this article, and all other statutes
3 and regulations now or hereafter enacted or adopted pertaining to
4 that corporation and the conduct of its affairs. With respect to a
5 licensed clinical social worker corporation, the governmental
6 agency referred to in the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation
7 Act is the Board of Behavioral Sciences.

8 ~~SEC. 30.~~

9 *SEC. 31.* Section 4999.55 of the Business and Professions Code
10 is amended to read:

11 4999.55. (a) Each applicant and registrant shall obtain a
12 passing score on a board-administered California law and ethics
13 examination in order to qualify for licensure.

14 (b) A registrant shall participate in a board-administered
15 California law and ethics examination prior to his or her registration
16 renewal.

17 (c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), an applicant who holds a
18 registration eligible for renewal, with an expiration date no later
19 than June 30, 2016, and who applies for renewal of that registration
20 between January 1, 2016, and June 30, 2016, shall, if eligible, be
21 allowed to renew the registration without first participating in the
22 California law and ethics examination. These applicants shall
23 participate in the California law and ethics examination in the next
24 renewal cycle, and shall pass the examination prior to licensure or
25 issuance of a subsequent registration number, as specified in this
26 section.

27 (d) If an applicant fails the California law and ethics
28 examination, he or she may retake the examination, upon payment
29 of the required fees, without further application, except as provided
30 in subdivision (e).

31 (e) If a registrant fails to obtain a passing score on the California
32 law and ethics examination described in subdivision (a) within his
33 or her renewal period on or after the operative date of this section,
34 he or she shall complete, at minimum, a 12-hour course in
35 California law and ethics in order to be eligible to participate in
36 the California law and ethics examination. Registrants shall only
37 take the 12-hour California law and ethics course once during a
38 renewal period. The 12-hour law and ethics course required by
39 this section shall be taken through a board-approved continuing

1 education provider, a county, state, or governmental entity, or a
2 college or university.

3 (f) The board shall not issue a subsequent registration number
4 unless the registrant has passed the California law and ethics
5 examination.

6 (g) Notwithstanding subdivision (f), an applicant who holds or
7 has held a registration, with an expiration date no later than January
8 1, 2017, and who applies for a subsequent registration number
9 between January 1, 2016, and January 1, 2017, shall, if eligible,
10 be allowed to obtain the subsequent registration number without
11 first passing the California law and ethics examination. These
12 applicants shall pass the California law and ethics examination
13 during the next renewal period or prior to licensure, whichever
14 occurs first.

15 (h) This section shall become operative January 1, 2016.

16 ~~SEC. 31.~~

17 *SEC. 32.* Section 4999.58 of the Business and Professions Code
18 is amended to read:

19 4999.58. (a) This section applies to a person who applies for
20 examination eligibility between January 1, 2011, and December
21 31, 2015, inclusive, and who meets both of the following
22 requirements:

23 (1) At the time of application, holds a valid license as a
24 professional clinical counselor, or other counseling license that
25 allows the applicant to independently provide clinical mental health
26 services, in another jurisdiction of the United States.

27 (2) Has held the license described in paragraph (1) for at least
28 two years immediately preceding the date of application.

29 (b) The board may issue a license to a person described in
30 subdivision (a) if all of the following requirements are satisfied:

31 (1) The education and supervised experience requirements of
32 the other jurisdiction are substantially the equivalent of this chapter,
33 as described in subdivision (e) and in Section 4999.46.

34 (2) The person complies with subdivision (b) of Section 4999.40,
35 if applicable.

36 (3) The person successfully completes the examinations required
37 by the board pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section
38 4999.50. An applicant who obtained his or her license or
39 registration under another jurisdiction by taking a national
40 examination that is required by the board may apply for licensure

1 with the board without retaking that examination if both of the
2 following conditions are met:

3 (A) The applicant obtained a passing score on the national
4 licensing examination that is required by the board.

5 (B) The applicant's license or registration in that jurisdiction is
6 in good standing at the time of his or her application and is not
7 revoked, suspended, surrendered, denied, or otherwise restricted
8 or encumbered.

9 (4) The person pays the required fees.

10 (c) Experience gained outside of California shall be accepted
11 toward the licensure requirements if it is substantially equivalent
12 to that required by this chapter. The board shall consider hours of
13 experience obtained in another state during the six-year period
14 immediately preceding the applicant's initial licensure by that state
15 as a licensed professional clinical counselor.

16 (d) Education gained while residing outside of California shall
17 be accepted toward the licensure requirements if it is substantially
18 equivalent to the education requirements of this chapter, and if the
19 applicant has completed the training or coursework required under
20 subdivision (e) of Section 4999.32, which includes, in addition to
21 the course described in subparagraph (I) of paragraph (1) of
22 subdivision (c) of Section 4999.32, an 18-hour course in California
23 law and professional ethics for professional clinical counselors.

24 (e) For purposes of this section, the board may, in its discretion,
25 accept education as substantially equivalent if the applicant's
26 education meets the requirements of Section 4999.32. If the
27 applicant's degree does not contain the content or the overall units
28 required by Section 4999.32, the board may, in its discretion, accept
29 the applicant's education as substantially equivalent if the following
30 criteria are satisfied:

31 (1) The applicant's degree contains the required number of
32 practicum units under paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section
33 4999.32.

34 (2) The applicant remediates his or her specific deficiency by
35 completing the course content and units required by Section
36 4999.32.

37 (3) The applicant's degree otherwise complies with this section.

38 (f) This section shall become inoperative on January 1, 2016,
39 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which
40 is enacted before January 1, 2016, deletes or extends that date.

~~SEC. 32.~~

SEC. 33. Section 4999.59 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4999.59. (a) This section applies to a person who applies for examination eligibility or registration between January 1, 2011, and December 31, 2015, inclusive, who meets both of the following requirements:

(1) At the time of application, holds a valid license described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 4999.58.

(2) Has held the license described in paragraph (1) for less than two years immediately preceding the date of application.

(b) Experience gained outside of California shall be accepted toward the licensure requirements if it is substantially equivalent to that required by this chapter, if the applicant complies with Section 4999.40, if applicable, and if the applicant has gained a minimum of 250 hours of supervised experience in direct counseling within California while registered as an intern with the board. The board shall consider hours of experience obtained in another state during the six-year period immediately preceding the applicant's initial licensure in that state as a professional clinical counselor.

(c) Education gained while residing outside of California shall be accepted toward the licensure requirements if it is substantially equivalent to the education requirements of this chapter, and if the applicant has completed the training or coursework required under subdivision (e) of Section 4999.32, which includes, in addition to the course described in subparagraph (I) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 4999.32, an 18-hour course in California law and professional ethics for professional clinical counselors.

(d) For purposes of this section, the board may, in its discretion, accept education as substantially equivalent if the applicant's education meets the requirements of Section 4999.32. If the applicant's degree does not contain the content or the overall units required by Section 4999.32, the board may, in its discretion, accept the applicant's education as substantially equivalent if the following criteria are satisfied:

(1) The applicant's degree contains the required number of practicum units under paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 4999.32.

(2) The applicant remediates his or her specific deficiency by completing the course content and units required by Section 4999.32.

(3) The applicant's degree otherwise complies with this section.

(e) An applicant who obtained his or her license or registration under another jurisdiction by taking a national examination that is required by the board may apply for licensure with the board without retaking that examination if both of the following conditions are met:

(1) The applicant obtained a passing score on the national licensing examination that is required by the board.

(2) The applicant's license or registration in that jurisdiction is in good standing at the time of his or her application and is not revoked, suspended, surrendered, denied, or otherwise restricted or encumbered.

(f) This section shall become inoperative on January 1, 2016, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which is enacted before January 1, 2016, deletes or extends that date.

~~SEC. 33.~~

SEC. 34. Section 4999.60 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4999.60. (a) This section applies to persons who are licensed outside of California and apply for examination eligibility on or after January 1, 2016.

(b) The board may issue a license to a person who, at the time of submitting an application for a license pursuant to this chapter, holds a valid license as a professional clinical counselor, or other counseling license that allows the applicant to independently provide clinical mental health services, in another jurisdiction of the United States, if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) The applicant's education is substantially equivalent, as defined in Section 4999.62.

(2) The applicant complies with subdivision (b) of Section 4999.40, if applicable.

(3) The applicant's supervised experience is substantially equivalent to that required for a license under this chapter. The board shall consider hours of experience obtained outside of California during the six-year period immediately preceding the date the applicant initially obtained the license described above.

1 (4) The applicant passes the examinations required to obtain a
2 license under this chapter. An applicant who obtained his or her
3 license or registration under another jurisdiction may apply for
4 licensure with the board without taking the clinical examination
5 if both of the following conditions are met:

6 (A) The applicant obtained a passing score on the licensing
7 examination set forth in regulation as accepted by the board.

8 (B) The applicant's license or registration in that jurisdiction is
9 in good standing at the time of his or her application and is not
10 revoked, suspended, surrendered, denied, or otherwise restricted
11 or encumbered.

12 ~~SEC. 34.~~

13 *SEC. 35.* Section 4999.123 of the Business and Professions
14 Code is amended to read:

15 4999.123. A professional clinical counselor corporation is a
16 corporation that is authorized to render professional services, as
17 defined in Section 13401 of the Corporations Code, so long as that
18 corporation and its shareholders, officers, directors, and employees
19 who are rendering professional services and who are licensed
20 professional clinical counselors, licensed marriage and family
21 therapists, physicians and surgeons, psychologists, licensed clinical
22 social workers, registered nurses, chiropractors, or acupuncturists,
23 are in compliance with the Moscone-Knox Professional
24 Corporation Act (Part 4 (commencing with Section 13400) of
25 Division 3 of Title 1 of the Corporations Code), this article, and
26 any other statute or regulation pertaining to that corporation and
27 the conduct of its affairs. With respect to a professional clinical
28 counselor corporation, the term "governmental agency" in the
29 Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation Act (Part 4 (commencing
30 with Section 13400) of Division 3 of Title 1 of the Corporations
31 Code) shall be construed to mean the Board of Behavioral Sciences.

32 ~~SEC. 35.~~

33 *SEC. 36.* Section 14132.55 of the Welfare and Institutions
34 Code is amended to read:

35 14132.55. For the purposes of reimbursement under the
36 Medi-Cal program, a speech pathologist or audiologist shall be
37 licensed by the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
38 Examining Committee of the Medical Board of California or
39 similarly licensed by a comparable agency in the state in which
40 he or she practices. Licensed speech-language pathologists or

1 licensed audiologists are authorized to utilize and shall be
2 reimbursed for the services of those personnel in the process of
3 completing requirements under the provisions of subdivision (c)
4 of Section 2532.2 of the Business and Professions Code.

5 ~~SEC. 36.~~

6 *SEC. 37.* No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
7 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
8 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
9 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
10 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
11 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
12 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
13 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
14 Constitution.

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June 6, 2014

The Honorable Ted W. Lieu
Chair, Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee
State Capitol, Room 2053
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1466 – **Support**

Dear Senator Lieu:

The Board of Psychology (Board) is in **support** of SB 1466 (Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee) which makes various non-substantive changes to the Psychology Licensing Law.

The Board of Psychology's (Board) mission is to ensure that psychologists provide consumers with appropriate and ethical psychological services. The Board is responsible for the licensing of psychologists, psychological assistants, and registered psychologists in the State of California.

The provisions in the bill that the Board supports relate to changes in the psychology licensing law related to fictitious name permits, the posting of notices to consumers, changing our address and contact information, as well as changes regarding initial renewal and delinquency fees.

Specifically, SB 1466 would make the following changes to the Board's Practice Act:

- Repeal section 2930.5 – Fictitious Name Permits; Issuance; Revocation or Suspension; Delegation of Authority
- Amend section 2936 – Rules of Ethical Conduct; Posting of "Notice to Consumers"
- Repeal section 2987.3 – Fictitious Name Permits; Initial, Renewal, and Delinquency Fees

The Board respectfully requests your support for this important legislation. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Board's Administrative Services Coordinator, Jonathan Burke, at (916) 574-7137. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Michael Erickson'.

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