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MEMORANDUM

DATE	February 10, 2015
TO	Psychology Board Members
FROM	Jonathan Burke Administrative Services Coordinator
SUBJECT	Discussion and Consideration of Business and Professions Code Section 2903 – Licensure Requirement; Practice of Psychology; Psychotherapy; Fee

Background:

Attached is section 2903 of the Business and Professions Code with the recommended changes. The Board approved amended language for the statute at its January Meeting. A subsequent review of the language by Board staff and legal counsel determined that the addition of “pro bono” was problematic and that the fee language should be removed. These changes to the approved language have been made and are presented to the Board for consideration.

Action Requested:

To approve the language as written and give staff the authority to seek a legislative change.

Attachment A: January Approved Language

Attachment B: Proposed Language

January Board Approved Language

Licensure Requirement; Practice of Psychology; Psychotherapy; Fee

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