



MEMORANDUM

DATE	May 7, 2015
TO	Board of Psychology Members
FROM	Jonathan Burke Administrative Services Coordinator
SUBJECT	- AB 1279 (Holden) Music Therapy – Consideration of Committee Recommendation to Watch

Background:

- AB 1279 (Holden) Music Therapy.

SUMMARY: This bill would prohibit a person who provides music therapy interventions, as defined, from using the title of “Board Certified Music Therapist” unless the person has completed the education and clinical training requirements established by the American Music Therapy Association and holds current board certification and an MT-BC credential from the Certification Board for Music Therapists.

This bill would prohibit its provisions from being construed to authorize a person engaged in music therapy to state or imply that he or she provides mental health counseling or psychotherapy for which a license is required and provide that use of music therapy shall not imply or suggest that the person is a Board Certified Music Therapist, if he or she does not meet specified criteria.

LOCATION: 05/05/2015 In ASSEMBLY. PASSED 75 ayes 5 Noes. To Senate pending referral.

Action Requested:

The staff recommendation is to continue to watch AB 1279 (Holden).

Attachment A is the language of AB 1279.