



MEMORANDUM

DATE	June 12, 2015
TO	Board of Psychology Members
FROM	 Jonathan Burke Administrative Services Coordinator
SUBJECT	SB 259 (Bates) Health Care Professionals

Background:

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SUMMARY: Makes a nonsubstantive change to the Health Care Professional Disaster Response Act, which states findings of the Legislature regarding the shortage of qualified health care practitioners during times of national or state disasters.

LOCATION: 02/26/2015 To SENATE Committee on RULES.

Action Requested:

The staff recommendation is to continue to watch SB 259 (Bates)

Attachment A is the language of SB 259 (Bates).



SB-259 Health care professionals. (2015-2016)

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2015–2016 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL

No. 259

Introduced by Senator Bates

February 18, 2015

An act to amend Section 921 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 259, as introduced, Bates. Health care professionals.

Existing law, the Health Care Professional Disaster Response Act, states findings of the Legislature regarding the shortage of qualified health care practitioners during times of national or state disasters, and allows a physician and surgeon, whose license has been expired for less than 5 years and who meets specified criteria, to obtain a license without paying fees.

This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to those provisions.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: no Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 921 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

921. (a) The Legislature finds and declares the following:

(1) In times of national or state disasters, a shortage of qualified health care practitioners may exist in areas throughout the state where they are desperately required to respond to public health emergencies.

(2) Health care practitioners with lapsed or inactive licenses could potentially serve in those areas where a shortage of qualified health care practitioners exists, if licensing requirements were streamlined and fees curtailed.

(b) ~~It is, therefore,~~ *Therefore, it is* the intent of the Legislature to address these matters through the provisions of the Health Care Professional Disaster Response Act.