

ISSUE MEMORANDUM

DATE	February 28, 2017
TO	Policy and Advocacy Committee
FROM	 Cherise Burns Central Services Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #6(a) – Omnibus Proposal

Background:

Each year the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee reaches out to the Boards and Bureaus within DCA regarding the need for clean-up language and non-controversial statutory changes to the Business and Professions Code (BPC) that all get combined into one large omnibus bill. These changes can be as simple as updating outdated statutory references to making changes that conform to legislation passed in the previous year or session.

For the 2017 legislative session, staff submitted a Request for Approval of Proposed Legislation Omnibus Proposal for Board approval at its November Board Meeting. This Omnibus Proposal would provide clean up to existing statutory language relating to who pays the registration fees for psychological assistants so that it conforms to the changes made by the Board's Sunset Bill SB 1193 (Chapter 484, Statutes of 2016). Without the psychological assistant fee changes, the application process for psychological assistants would be disjointed and potentially delayed as applications would be submitted by psychology assistants but stuck waiting for payment to be received separately from their supervisor. This would not only negate the purpose of having one consolidated license for psychological assistants, but also would lead to confusion over which supervisor should pay the fee if the individual has two places of employment and not meet the intent of the changes enacted in SB 1193 to streamline the process. The Board approved the proposal and instructed staff to work with the Senate BP&ED to get the proposal included in the Committees annual omnibus proposal.

In January 2017, Board staff submitted the proposal to the Senate BP&ED staff for consideration. Board staff will continue to work with Senate BP&ED and Senate Republican Caucus staff to include the provisions in the omnibus proposal and notify the Board of the bill number once Senate BP&ED introduces the omnibus bill.

Proposed Language:

Amend the Business and Professions Code section 2987 as follows:

2987.

The amount of the fees prescribed by this chapter shall be determined by the board, and shall be as follows:

- (a) The application fee for a psychologist shall not be more than fifty dollars (\$50).
- (b) The examination and reexamination fees for the examinations shall be the actual cost to the board of developing, purchasing, and grading of each examination, plus the actual cost to the board of administering each examination.
- (c) The initial license fee is an amount equal to the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date before the date on which the license is issued.
- (d) The biennial renewal fee for a psychologist shall be four hundred dollars (\$400). The board may increase the renewal fee to an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).
- (e) The application fee for registration ~~and supervision of~~ as a psychological assistant ~~by a supervisor~~ under Section 2913, which is payable by the psychological assistant that supervisor, shall not be more than seventy-five dollars (\$75).
- (f) The annual renewal fee for registration of a psychological assistant shall not be more than seventy-five dollars (\$75).
- (g) The duplicate license or registration fee is five dollars (\$5).
- (h) The delinquency fee is twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (i) The endorsement fee is five dollars (\$5).

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the board may reduce any fee prescribed by this section, when, in its discretion, the board deems it administratively appropriate.

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time. This is for informational purposes only.