

MEMORANDUM

DATE	April 10, 2017
TO	Board of Psychology
FROM	 Konnor Leitzell Central Services Student Assistant
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #4(b)(1)(B)(32) – SB 27 (Morrell) Professions and Vocations: Licenses: Military Service.

Background:

This bill would require every board within the Department of Consumer Affairs to grant a fee waiver for the application for and the issuance of an initial license for applicants who supply to the board satisfactory evidence that the applicant has served as an active duty member of the California National Guard or the United States Armed Forces and was honorably discharged. The bill would require that a veteran be granted only one fee waiver, unless the board charges a fee for the application for a license and another fee for the issuance of a license.

Location: Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs

Status: 04/03/17 Passed Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development, re-referred to Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs

Votes: 04/03/2017 Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development (9-0-0)

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch SB 27 (Morrell) to determine the impact the fee waiver would have on the Board of Psychology.

Attachment A: SB 27 (Morrell) Text

Introduced by Senator MorrellDecember 5, 2016

An act to add Section 114.6 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to professions and vocations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 27, as introduced, Morrell. Professions and vocations: licenses: military service.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law authorizes any licensee or registrant whose license expired while he or she was on active duty as a member of the California National Guard or the United States Armed Forces to reinstate his or her license or registration without examination or penalty if certain requirements are met. Existing law also requires the boards to waive the renewal fees, continuing education requirements, and other renewal requirements, if applicable, of any licensee or registrant called to active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces or the California National Guard, if certain requirements are met. Existing law requires each board to inquire in every application if the individual applying for licensure is serving in, or has previously served in, the military. Existing law requires a board within the Department of Consumer Affairs to expedite, and authorizes a board to assist with, the initial licensure process for an applicant who has served as an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces and was honorably discharged.

This bill would require every board within the Department of Consumer Affairs to grant a fee waiver for the application for and the issuance of an initial license to an applicant who supplies satisfactory evidence, as defined, to the board that the applicant has served as an

active duty member of the California National Guard or the United States Armed Forces and was honorably discharged. The bill would require that a veteran be granted only one fee waiver, except as specified.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 114.6 is added to the Business and
2 Professions Code, to read:

3 114.6. (a) (1) Notwithstanding any other law, every board
4 within the department shall grant a fee waiver for the application
5 for and issuance of an initial license to an applicant who supplies
6 satisfactory evidence to the board that the applicant has served as
7 an active duty member of the California National Guard or the
8 United States Armed Forces and was honorably discharged.

9 (2) For purposes of this section, "satisfactory evidence" means
10 a completed "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active
11 Duty" (DD Form 214).

12 (b) (1) A veteran shall be granted only one fee waiver, except
13 as specified in paragraph (2). After a fee waiver has been issued
14 by any board within the department, the veteran is no longer
15 eligible for a waiver.

16 (2) If a board charges a fee for the application for a license and
17 another fee for the issuance of a license, the veteran shall be granted
18 fee waivers for both the application for and issuance of a license.

19 (3) The fee waiver shall apply only to an application of and a
20 license issued to an individual veteran and not to an application
21 of or a license issued to an individual veteran on behalf of a
22 business or other entity.

23 (4) A fee waiver shall not be issued for any of the following:

24 (A) Renewal of a license.

25 (B) The application for and issuance of an additional license, a
26 certificate, a registration, or a permit associated with the initial
27 license.

28 (C) The application for an examination.

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