


**MEMORANDUM**

<b>DATE</b>	April 10, 2017
<b>TO</b>	Board of Psychology
<b>FROM</b>	 Konnor Leitzell Central Services Student Assistant
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Agenda Item #4(b)(1)(C)(2) – AB 635 (Harper) Department of Consumer Affairs

**Background:**

This bill would make a non-substantive change to the existing law which provides for the licensure and regulation of various professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs.

**Location:** Assembly

**Status:** Pending assignment to policy committee once language is introduced.

**Action Requested:**

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch AB 635 (Harper) for substantive amendments to the Business and Professions Code.

Attachment A: AB 635 (Harper) Text

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 635**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Harper**

February 14, 2017

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An act to amend Section 101.6 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to consumer protection.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 635, as introduced, Harper. Department of Consumer Affairs.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law provides that these boards are established to ensure that private businesses and professions are regulated to protect the people of this state.

This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to that provision.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 101.6 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 101.6. The boards, bureaus, and commissions in the department
- 4 are established for the purpose of ensuring that those private
- 5 businesses and professions deemed to engage in activities ~~which~~
- 6 *that* have potential impact upon the public health, safety, and
- 7 welfare are adequately regulated in order to protect the people of
- 8 California.

1 To this end, they establish minimum qualifications and levels  
2 of competency and license persons desiring to engage in the  
3 occupations they regulate upon determining that such persons  
4 possess the requisite skills and qualifications necessary to provide  
5 safe and effective services to the public, or register or otherwise  
6 certify persons in order to identify practitioners and ensure  
7 performance according to set and accepted professional standards.  
8 They provide a means for redress of grievances by investigating  
9 allegations of unprofessional conduct, incompetence, fraudulent  
10 action, or unlawful activity brought to their attention by members  
11 of the public and institute disciplinary action against persons  
12 licensed or registered under the provisions of this code when such  
13 action is warranted. In addition, they conduct periodic checks of  
14 licensees, registrants, or otherwise certified persons in order to  
15 ensure compliance with the relevant sections of this code.