

MEMORANDUM

DATE	January 24, 2018
TO	Board of Psychology
FROM	 Konnor Leitzell Central Services Student Assistant
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #20(b)(1)(C) – SB 572 (Stone) Healing Arts Licensees: Violations: Grace Period

Background:

This bill would have prohibited healing arts boards under the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) from issuing a disciplinary action or otherwise penalizing a licensee who commits a violation that does not cause irreparable harm to a consumer and is remedied within 15 days.

This bill raised multiple concerns for Board staff regarding the Board's ability to hold its licensees to the current statutory and regulatory licensing and ethical standards.

At the April 21, 2017 Board meeting, the Board took an Oppose position on SB 572.

On May 3, 2017, staff was notified that the author is no longer pursuing this bill for the remainder of this year's legislative session.

Location: Senate – Dead

Status: 1/12/18 Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(1).

Action Requested:

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

MEMORANDUM

DATE	January 29, 2018
TO	Board of Psychology
FROM	 Konnor Leitzell Central Services Student Assistant
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #20(b)(2) – Review for the Board on Watched Bills

Background:

The following attachment is a list of bills that the Board recommended watching throughout the 2017-2018 legislative session.

For all watch bills, staff reviewed the bills after each amendment was made, and staff reassessed the potential impacts of the amended language to determine if the bill would have required a full analysis to be submitted to the Policy and Advocacy Committee and/or the full Board.

During the 2017 legislative session, Board staff has reviewed bills addressing the following subject areas:

- Access to patient records,
- Confidentiality of communications between patients and service providers,
- Criminal justice issues surrounding diversion programs and access to mental health services focused on reducing recidivism,
- Regulations and oversight of Applied Behavior Analysis providers,
- DCA organization and operations,
- DCA Board and bureau operations and streamlining licensure requirements, and
- Expedited processing or fee waivers for special categories of applicants.

These trends in bill subject areas highlight the importance of these issues to the legislature and other policy makers this legislative session. Board staff will continue to watch these bills and their impacts to the Board, its licensees, and on access to and the provision of mental health services in California.

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time.

Attachment A: [Legislative Matrix on Watched Bills](#)