

MEMORANDUM

DATE	November 1, 2018
TO	Board of Psychology
FROM	 Jason Glasspiegel Central Services Coordinator
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #24(b)(6) – AB 2943 (Low) Unlawful Business Practices: Sexual Orientation Change Efforts

Background:

This bill would have included, as an unlawful practice prohibited under the Consumer Legal Remedies Act (CLRA), advertising, offering for sale, or selling services constituting sexual orientation change efforts to an individual.

This bill would have defined sexual orientation change efforts as follows:

(i) (1) “Sexual orientation change efforts” means any practices that seek to change an individual’s sexual orientation. This includes efforts to change behaviors or gender expressions, or to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward individuals of the same sex.

(2) “Sexual orientation change efforts” does not include psychotherapies that: (A) provide acceptance, support, and understanding of clients or the facilitation of clients’ coping, social support, and identity exploration and development, including sexual orientation-neutral interventions to prevent or address unlawful conduct or unsafe sexual practices or to otherwise promote healthy sexual and romantic relationships; and (B) do not seek to change sexual orientation.

At the May 2018 Board meeting, the Board voted to **Support** AB 2943 (Low).

Location: Assembly

Status: 8/31/18 Dead, this bill failed passage in the 2017-2018 legislative session.

Votes: 8/16/2018 Senate Floor (25-11-4)
6/12/2018 Senate Committee on Judiciary (5-2-0)
4/19/2018 Assembly Floor (50-18-10)
4/10/2018 Assembly Committee on Judiciary (8-1-1)
4/3/2018 Assembly Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection (8-2-0)

Action Requested:

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