

**Board of Psychology**

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June 18, 2014

The Honorable Kevin de León  
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2206  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 186 – **Oppose**

Dear Senator de Leon:

At its June 17, 2014 meeting, the Board of Psychology (Board) took an **oppose** position on AB 186 (Maienschein).

The Board's mission is to advance quality psychological services for Californians by ensuring ethical and legal practice and supporting the evolution of the profession.

The Board is committed to helping military families overcome any obstacles that they may face during the licensing process. However, the Board already accommodates military spouses and those in domestic partnerships in the following ways;

- Through the expediting of their applications
- A 180-day period to pass the necessary examination(s) during which time the applicant can practice psychology.

The Board is of the opinion that creating an entirely new temporary license category for the spouses and domestic partners of military personnel is unnecessary because of the mechanisms that are currently in place.

If you would like to discuss the Board's position, please feel free to contact the Board's Administrative Coordinator, Jonathan Burke, at (916) 574-7137.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Erickson".

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President, Board of Psychology

cc: Senator Mimi Walters (Vice Chair)  
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