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**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 269**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Correa**

February 16, 2001

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An act to add Sections 1601.2, 1742.1, 2001.1, 2450.1, 2460.1, 2531.02, 2570.25, 2602.1, 2708.1, 2841.1, 2920.1, 3010.1, 3320.1, 3504.1, 3710.1, 4001.1, 4800.1, 4928.1, 4990.125, 5000.1, 5510.15, 5620.1, 6710.1, 7000.6, 7200.1, 7303.1, 7501.05, 7601.1, 7810.1, 8005.1, 8520.1, 9810.1, and 18602.1, to the Business and Professions Code, relating to professional and vocational licensing boards.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 269, as amended, Correa. Professional and vocational licensing boards, commissions, and bureaus.

Existing law provides for the establishment of professional and vocational licensing boards, commissions, and bureaus that are overseen by the Department of Consumer Affairs. These boards, commissions, and bureaus license, regulate, and discipline persons practicing or engaging in professions and vocations regulated by them.

This bill would add a statement of legislative intent to specified licensing boards, commissions, and bureaus stating that the protection of the public is the highest priority of those boards, commissions, or bureaus in performing their licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions.

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 1601.2 is added to the Business and  
2 Professions Code, to read:  
3 1601.2. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
4 public shall be the highest priority for the Dental Board of  
5 California in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary  
6 functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent  
7 with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the  
8 public shall be paramount.

9 SEC. 2. Section 1742.1 is added to the Business and  
10 Professions Code, to read:  
11 1742.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
12 public shall be the highest priority for ~~the Dental Board of Board~~  
13 *of California* and the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries in  
14 exercising licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions.  
15 Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other  
16 interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall  
17 be paramount.

18 SEC. 3. Section 2001.1 is added to the Business and  
19 Professions Code, to read:  
20 2001.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
21 public shall be the highest priority for the Medical Board of  
22 California in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary  
23 functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent  
24 with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the  
25 public shall be paramount.

26 SEC. 4. Section 2450.1 is added to the Business and  
27 Professions Code, to read:  
28 2450.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
29 public shall be the highest priority for the Osteopathic Medical  
30 Board of California in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and  
31 disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is  
32 inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the  
33 protection of the public shall be paramount.

34 SEC. 5. Section 2460.1 is added to the Business and  
35 Professions Code, to read:



1 2460.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
2 public shall be the highest priority for the California Board of  
3 Podiatric Medicine in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and  
4 disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is  
5 inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the  
6 protection of the public shall be paramount.

7 SEC. 6. Section 2531.02 is added to the Business and  
8 Professions Code, to read:

9 2531.02. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of  
10 the public shall be the highest priority for the Speech-Language  
11 Pathology and Audiology Board in exercising its licensing,  
12 regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of  
13 the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be  
14 promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

15 SEC. 7. Section 2570.25 is added to the Business and  
16 Professions Code, to read:

17 2570.25. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of  
18 the public shall be the highest priority for the California Board of  
19 Occupational Therapy in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and  
20 disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is  
21 inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the  
22 protection of the public shall be paramount.

23 SEC. 8. Section 2602.1 is added to the Business and  
24 Professions Code, to read:

25 2602.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
26 public shall be the highest priority for the Physical Therapy Board  
27 of California in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and  
28 disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is  
29 inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the  
30 protection of the public shall be paramount.

31 SEC. 9. Section 2708.1 is added to the Business and  
32 Professions Code, to read:

33 2708.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
34 public shall be the highest priority for the Board of Registered  
35 Nursing in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary  
36 functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent  
37 with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the  
38 public shall be paramount.

39 SEC. 10. Section 2841.1 is added to the Business and  
40 Professions Code, to read:



1 2841.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
2 public shall be the highest priority for the Board of Vocational  
3 Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians of the State of California in  
4 exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions.  
5 Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other  
6 interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall  
7 be paramount.

8 SEC. 11. Section 2920.1 is added to the Business and  
9 Professions Code, to read:

10 2920.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
11 public shall be the highest priority for the Board of Psychology in  
12 exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions.  
13 Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other  
14 interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall  
15 be paramount.

16 SEC. 12. Section 3010.1 is added to the Business and  
17 Professions Code, to read:

18 3010.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
19 public shall be the highest priority for the State Board of  
20 Optometry in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary  
21 functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent  
22 with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the  
23 public shall be paramount.

24 SEC. 13. Section 3320.1 is added to the Business and  
25 Professions Code, to read:

26 3320.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
27 public shall be the highest priority for the Hearing Aid Dispensers  
28 Bureau in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary  
29 functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent  
30 with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the  
31 public shall be paramount.

32 SEC. 14. Section 3504.1 is added to the Business and  
33 Professions Code, to read:

34 3504.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
35 public shall be the highest priority for the Physician Assistant  
36 Committee of the Medical Board of California in exercising its  
37 licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the  
38 protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought  
39 to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.



1 SEC. 15. Section 3710.1 is added to the Business and  
2 Professions Code, to read:

3 3710.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
4 public shall be the highest priority for the Respiratory Care Board  
5 of California in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and  
6 disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is  
7 inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the  
8 protection of the public shall be paramount.

9 SEC. 16. Section 4001.1 is added to the Business and  
10 Professions Code, to read:

11 4001.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
12 public shall be the highest priority for the California State Board  
13 of Pharmacy in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and  
14 disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is  
15 inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the  
16 protection of the public shall be paramount.

17 SEC. 17. Section 4800.1 is added to the Business and  
18 Professions Code, to read:

19 4800.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
20 public shall be the highest priority for the Veterinary Medical  
21 Board in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary  
22 functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent  
23 with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the  
24 public shall be paramount.

25 SEC. 18. Section 4928.1 is added to the Business and  
26 Professions Code, to read:

27 4928.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
28 public shall be the highest priority for the Acupuncture Board in  
29 exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions.  
30 Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other  
31 interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall  
32 be paramount.

33 SEC. 19. Section 4990.125 is added to the Business and  
34 Professions Code, to read:

35 4990.125. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of  
36 the public shall be the highest priority for the Board of Behavioral  
37 Sciences in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary  
38 functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent  
39 with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the  
40 public shall be paramount.



1 SEC. 20. Section 5000.1 is added to the Business and  
2 Professions Code, to read:

3 5000.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
4 public shall be the highest priority for the California Board of  
5 Accountancy in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and  
6 disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is  
7 inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the  
8 protection of the public shall be paramount.

9 SEC. 21. Section 5510.15 is added to the Business and  
10 Professions Code, to read:

11 5510.15. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of  
12 the public shall be the highest priority for the California Architects  
13 Board in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary  
14 functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent  
15 with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the  
16 public shall be paramount.

17 *SEC. 22. Section 5620.1 is added to the Business and*  
18 *Professions Code, to read:*

19 *5620.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the*  
20 *public shall be the highest priority for the Landscape Architects*  
21 *Technical Committee in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and*  
22 *disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is*  
23 *inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the*  
24 *protection of the public shall be paramount.*

25 ~~SEC. 22.~~

26 SEC. 23. Section 6710.1 is added to the Business and  
27 Professions Code, to read:

28 6710.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
29 public shall be the highest priority for the Board for Professional  
30 Engineers and Land Surveyors in exercising its licensing,  
31 regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of  
32 the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be  
33 promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

34 ~~SEC. 23.~~

35 SEC. 24. Section 7000.6 is added to the Business and  
36 Professions Code, to read:

37 7000.6. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
38 public shall be the highest priority for the Contractors' State  
39 License Board in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and  
40 disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is



1 inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the  
2 protection of the public shall be paramount.

3 ~~SEC. 24.~~

4 *SEC. 25.* Section 7200.1 is added to the Business and  
5 Professions Code, to read:

6 7200.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
7 public shall be the highest priority for the State Board of Guide  
8 Dogs for the Blind in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and  
9 disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is  
10 inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the  
11 protection of the public shall be paramount.

12 ~~SEC. 25.~~

13 *SEC. 26.* Section 7303.1 is added to the Business and  
14 Professions Code, to read:

15 7303.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
16 public shall be the highest priority for the Bureau of Barbering and  
17 Cosmetology in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and  
18 disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is  
19 inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the  
20 protection of the public shall be paramount.

21 ~~SEC. 26.~~

22 *SEC. 27.* Section 7501.05 is added to the Business and  
23 Professions Code, to read:

24 7501.05. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of  
25 the public shall be the highest priority for the Bureau of Security  
26 and Investigative Services in exercising its licensing, regulatory,  
27 and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public  
28 is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the  
29 protection of the public shall be paramount.

30 *SEC. 28.* *Section 7601.1 is added to the Business and*  
31 *Professions Code, to read:*

32 *7601.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the*  
33 *public shall be the highest priority for the Cemetery and Funeral*  
34 *Bureau in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary*  
35 *functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent*  
36 *with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the*  
37 *public shall be paramount.*

38 ~~SEC. 27.~~

39 *SEC. 29.* Section 7810.1 is added to the Business and  
40 Professions Code, to read:



1 7810.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
2 public shall be the highest priority for the Board for Geologists and  
3 Geophysicists in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and  
4 disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is  
5 inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the  
6 protection of the public shall be paramount.

7 ~~SEC. 28.~~

8 *SEC. 30.* Section 8005.1 is added to the Business and  
9 Professions Code, to read:

10 8005.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
11 public shall be the highest priority for the Court Reporters Board  
12 of California in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and  
13 disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is  
14 inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the  
15 protection of the public shall be paramount.

16 ~~SEC. 29.~~

17 *SEC. 31.* Section 8520.1 is added to the Business and  
18 Professions Code, to read:

19 8520.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
20 public shall be the highest priority for the Structural Pest Control  
21 Board in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary  
22 functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent  
23 with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the  
24 public shall be paramount.

25 ~~SEC. 30.~~

26 *SEC. 32.* Section 9810.1 is added to the Business and  
27 Professions Code, to read:

28 9810.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of the  
29 public shall be the highest priority for the Bureau of Electronic and  
30 Appliance Repair in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and  
31 disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is  
32 inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the  
33 protection of the public shall be paramount.

34 ~~SEC. 31.~~

35 *SEC. 33.* Section 18602.1 is added to the Business and  
36 Professions Code, to read:

37 18602.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection of  
38 the public shall be the highest priority for the State Athletic  
39 Commission in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and  
40 disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is



1 inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the  
2 protection of the public shall be paramount.

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