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**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 269**

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**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 *requirements for* 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~~  
4 *Protection* of the public shall be the highest priority for the Dental  
5 Board 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. 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~~  
12 *Protection* of the public shall be the highest priority for ~~Board of~~  
13 ~~California~~ and the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries in exercising  
14 licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the  
15 protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought  
16 to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

17 SEC. 3. Section 2001.1 is added to the Business and  
18 Professions Code, to read:

19 ~~2001.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection~~  
20 *Protection* of the public shall be the highest priority for the  
21 Medical Board of California in exercising its licensing, regulatory,  
22 and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public  
23 is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the  
24 protection of the public shall be paramount.

25 SEC. 4. Section 2450.1 is added to the Business and  
26 Professions Code, to read:

27 ~~2450.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection~~  
28 *Protection* of the public shall be the highest priority for the  
29 Osteopathic Medical Board of California in exercising its  
30 licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the  
31 protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought  
32 to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 ~~3320.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection~~  
29 *Protection* of the public shall be the highest priority for the  
30 Hearing Aid Dispensers Bureau 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. 14. Section 3504.1 is added to the Business and  
35 Professions Code, to read:

36 ~~3504.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection~~  
37 *Protection* of the public shall be the highest priority for the  
38 Physician Assistant Committee of the Medical Board of California  
39 in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions.  
40 Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 ~~4990.125. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection~~  
38 *Protection* of the public shall be the highest priority for the Board  
39 of Behavioral Sciences 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. 20. Section 5000.1 is added to the Business and  
4 Professions Code, to read:

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

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

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

19 SEC. 22. Section 5620.1 is added to the Business and  
20 Professions Code, to read:

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

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

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

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~~  
38 *Protection* of the public shall be the highest priority for the  
39 Contractors' State License Board in exercising its licensing,  
40 regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of



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

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

5 ~~7200.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection~~  
6 *Protection* of the public shall be the highest priority for the State  
7 Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind in exercising its licensing,  
8 regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of  
9 the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be  
10 promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

11 SEC. 26. Section 7303.1 is added to the Business and  
12 Professions Code, to read:

13 ~~7303.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection~~  
14 *Protection* of the public shall be the highest priority for the Bureau  
15 of Barbering and Cosmetology in exercising its licensing,  
16 regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of  
17 the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be  
18 promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

19 SEC. 27. Section 7501.05 is added to the Business and  
20 Professions Code, to read:

21 ~~7501.05. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection~~  
22 *Protection* of the public shall be the highest priority for the Bureau  
23 of Security and Investigative Services in exercising its licensing,  
24 regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of  
25 the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be  
26 promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

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

29 ~~7601.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection~~  
30 *Protection* of the public shall be the highest priority for the  
31 Cemetery and Funeral Bureau in exercising its licensing,  
32 regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of  
33 the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be  
34 promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

35 SEC. 29. Section 7810.1 is added to the Business and  
36 Professions Code, to read:

37 ~~7810.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that protection~~  
38 *Protection* of the public shall be the highest priority for the Board  
39 for Geologists and Geophysicists in exercising its licensing,  
40 regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of



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

3 SEC. 30. Section 8005.1 is added to the Business and  
4 Professions Code, to read:

5 8005.1. ~~It is the intent of the Legislature that protection~~  
6 *Protection* of the public shall be the highest priority for the Court  
7 Reporters Board of California in exercising its licensing,  
8 regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of  
9 the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be  
10 promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

11 SEC. 31. Section 8520.1 is added to the Business and  
12 Professions Code, to read:

13 8520.1. ~~It is the intent of the Legislature that protection~~  
14 *Protection* of the public shall be the highest priority for the  
15 Structural Pest Control Board in exercising its licensing,  
16 regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of  
17 the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be  
18 promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

19 SEC. 32. Section 9810.1 is added to the Business and  
20 Professions Code, to read:

21 9810.1. ~~It is the intent of the Legislature that protection~~  
22 *Protection* of the public shall be the highest priority for the Bureau  
23 of Electronic and Appliance Repair in exercising its licensing,  
24 regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of  
25 the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be  
26 promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

27 SEC. 33. Section 18602.1 is added to the Business and  
28 Professions Code, to read:

29 18602.1. ~~It is the intent of the Legislature that protection~~  
30 *Protection* of the public shall be the highest priority for the State  
31 Athletic Commission in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and  
32 disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is  
33 inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the  
34 protection of the public shall be paramount.

