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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 269

Introduced by Assembly Member Correa

February 16, 2001

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, *4501.1*, 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 specified requirements~~ *state that the highest priority for licensing boards, commissions, and bureaus* ~~stating that, in performing their licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions, is 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. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
4 for the Dental Board of California in exercising its licensing,
5 regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of
6 the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be
7 promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

8 SEC. 2. Section 1742.1 is added to the Business and
9 Professions Code, to read:

10 1742.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
11 for the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries in exercising *its*
12 licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the
13 protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought
14 to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

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

17 2001.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
18 for the Medical Board of California in exercising its licensing,
19 regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of
20 the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be
21 promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

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

24 2450.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
25 for the Osteopathic Medical Board of California in exercising its
26 licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the
27 protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought
28 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. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
4 for the California Board of Podiatric Medicine in exercising its
5 licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the
6 protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought
7 to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

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

10 2531.02. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
11 for the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board 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. 7. Section 2570.25 is added to the Business and
17 Professions Code, to read:

18 2570.25. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
19 for the California Board of Occupational Therapy in exercising its
20 licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the
21 protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought
22 to be promoted, the 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. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
26 for the Physical Therapy Board of California in exercising its
27 licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the
28 protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought
29 to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

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

32 2708.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
33 for the Board of Registered Nursing in exercising its licensing,
34 regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of
35 the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be
36 promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

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

39 2841.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
40 for the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians



1 of the State of California in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and
2 disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is
3 inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the
4 protection of the public shall be paramount.

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

7 2920.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
8 for the Board of Psychology in exercising its licensing, regulatory,
9 and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public
10 is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the
11 protection of the public shall be paramount.

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

14 3010.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
15 for the State Board of Optometry 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. 13. Section 3320.1 is added to the Business and
20 Professions Code, to read:

21 3320.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
22 for the Hearing Aid Dispensers Bureau in exercising its licensing,
23 regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of
24 the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be
25 promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

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

28 3504.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
29 for the Physician Assistant Committee of the Medical Board of
30 California in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary
31 functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent
32 with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the
33 public shall be paramount.

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

36 3710.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
37 for the Respiratory Care Board of California in exercising its
38 licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the
39 protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought
40 to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.



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

3 4001.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
4 for the California State Board of Pharmacy in exercising its
5 licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the
6 protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought
7 to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

8 SEC. 17. *Section 4501.1 is added to the Business and*
9 *Professions Code, to read:*

10 *4501.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority*
11 *for the board in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and*
12 *disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is*
13 *inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the*
14 *protection of the public shall be paramount.*

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

17 4800.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
18 for the Veterinary Medical Board in exercising its licensing,
19 regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of
20 the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be
21 promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

22 ~~SEC. 18.~~

23 SEC. 19. Section 4928.1 is added to the Business and
24 Professions Code, to read:

25 4928.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
26 for the Acupuncture Board 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. 19.~~

31 SEC. 20. Section 4990.125 is added to the Business and
32 Professions Code, to read:

33 4990.125. Protection of the public shall be the highest
34 priority for the Board of Behavioral Sciences in exercising its
35 licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the
36 protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought
37 to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

38 ~~SEC. 20.~~

39 SEC. 21. Section 5000.1 is added to the Business and
40 Professions Code, to read:



1 5000.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
2 for the California Board of Accountancy in exercising its
3 licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the
4 protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought
5 to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

6 ~~SEC. 21.~~

7 *SEC. 22.* Section 5510.15 is added to the Business and
8 Professions Code, to read:

9 5510.15. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
10 for the California Architects Board in exercising its licensing,
11 regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of
12 the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be
13 promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

14 ~~SEC. 22.~~

15 *SEC. 23.* Section 5620.1 is added to the Business and
16 Professions Code, to read:

17 5620.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
18 for the Landscape Architects Technical Committee in exercising
19 its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the
20 protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought
21 to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

22 ~~SEC. 23.~~

23 *SEC. 24.* Section 6710.1 is added to the Business and
24 Professions Code, to read:

25 6710.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
26 for the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors in
27 exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions.
28 Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other
29 interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall
30 be paramount.

31 ~~SEC. 24.~~

32 *SEC. 25.* Section 7000.6 is added to the Business and
33 Professions Code, to read:

34 7000.6. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
35 for the Contractors' State License Board in exercising its
36 licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the
37 protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought
38 to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

39 ~~SEC. 25.~~



1 *SEC. 26.* Section 7200.1 is added to the Business and
2 Professions Code, to read:

3 7200.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
4 for the State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind in exercising its
5 licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the
6 protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought
7 to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

8 ~~SEC. 26.~~

9 *SEC. 27.* Section 7303.1 is added to the Business and
10 Professions Code, to read:

11 7303.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
12 for the Bureau of Barbering and Cosmetology in exercising its
13 licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the
14 protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought
15 to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

16 ~~SEC. 27.~~

17 *SEC. 28.* Section 7501.05 is added to the Business and
18 Professions Code, to read:

19 7501.05. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
20 for the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services in exercising
21 its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the
22 protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought
23 to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

24 ~~SEC. 28.~~

25 *SEC. 29.* Section 7601.1 is added to the Business and
26 Professions Code, to read:

27 7601.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
28 for the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau in exercising its licensing,
29 regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of
30 the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be
31 promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

32 ~~SEC. 29.~~

33 *SEC. 30.* Section 7810.1 is added to the Business and
34 Professions Code, to read:

35 7810.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
36 for the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists 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.

40 ~~SEC. 30.~~



1 SEC. 31. Section 8005.1 is added to the Business and
2 Professions Code, to read:

3 8005.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
4 for the Court Reporters Board of California in exercising its
5 licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the
6 protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought
7 to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

8 ~~SEC. 31.~~

9 SEC. 32. Section 8520.1 is added to the Business and
10 Professions Code, to read:

11 8520.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
12 for the Structural Pest Control Board in exercising its licensing,
13 regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of
14 the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be
15 promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

16 ~~SEC. 32.~~

17 SEC. 33. Section 9810.1 is added to the Business and
18 Professions Code, to read:

19 9810.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
20 for the Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair in exercising
21 its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the
22 protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought
23 to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

24 ~~SEC. 33.~~

25 SEC. 34. Section 18602.1 is added to the Business and
26 Professions Code, to read:

27 18602.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority
28 for the State Athletic Commission in exercising its licensing,
29 regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of
30 the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be
31 promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

