

## Senate Bill No. 1048

### CHAPTER 588

An act to amend Sections 337, 1209, 1701.1, 1725, 1750, 1750.1, 1750.2, 1750.3, 1750.4, 1751, 1752, 1752.1, 1752.2, 1752.5, 1752.6, 1753, 1753.1, 1754, 1756, 1757, 1770, 2177, 2225, 2313, 2335, 2416, 2497.5, 2570.7, 2717, 2732.05, 3057, 3527, 3634, 4068, 4084, 4101, 4160, 4161, 4162, 4162.5, 4200, 4200.1, 4200.2, 4208, 4314, 4315, 4980.01, 4980.38, 4980.40, 4980.44, 4980.54, 4980.57, 4980.80, 4980.90, 4982, 4984.1, 4984.4, 4989.36, 4989.42, 4989.54, 4992.3, 4996.4, 4996.6, 4996.18, and 4996.22 of, to add Sections 1672, 2471, 2570.8, 4984.01, 4984.72, 4992.10, and 4996.28 to, and to repeal and add Sections 3530, 4984.7, 4984.8, 4996.3, 4996.14, and 4997 of, the Business and Professions Code, and to amend Sections 11372, 12529, and 12529.5 of the Government Code, relating to healing arts, and making an appropriation therefor.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1048, Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development. Healing arts.

(1) Existing law provides for the regulation and licensure of clinical laboratories and clinical laboratory personnel, including laboratory directors.

This bill would prohibit a laboratory director from directing more than a specified number of laboratories.

(2) Existing law, the Dental Practice Act, establishes the Dental Board of California and provides for the licensure and regulation of the practice of dentistry. The act makes the willful practice, attempt to practice, or advertisement to practice without appropriate authorization in circumstances causing harm, as specified, a misdemeanor offense. The act also provides for the licensure of various types of dental auxiliaries and for their licensure fees to be established by board resolution, and requires the board to adopt regulations for the approval and recognition of specified dental education courses. The act also provides for the establishment by board resolution of fees for the review of radiation courses and specialty registration courses. The act defines the functions certain dental auxiliaries are authorized to perform and the requirements for such authorization, and, on and after January 1, 2008, revises the criteria for licensure and the functions certain dental auxiliaries are authorized to perform. Under the act, commencing on that date, the board is authorized to issue dental auxiliary licenses for a registered orthodontic, surgery, and restorative assistant, and a dentist is authorized to train and educate employees in those licensure categories pursuant to specified procedures. The act requires the board, commencing

January 1, 2008, to adopt regulations governing the procedures that dental auxiliaries are authorized to perform.

This bill would delay from January 1, 2008, to January 1, 2010, the operation of provisions revising the duties and licensure criteria for certain dental auxiliaries and requiring the board to adopt regulations governing the procedures dental auxiliaries are authorized to perform. The bill would similarly delay the board's licensure of the additional dental auxiliary categories and would revise the procedures applicable to a dentist training his or her employees in those categories. The bill would revise the board's requirement to adopt regulations for the approval and recognition of dental education courses, and would revise the licensure and examination fee provisions for dental auxiliaries and apply the fee provisions applicable to review of radiation courses or specialty registration courses to the review of any course approval application. The bill would revise educational requirements for a registered dental assistant with relation to the performance of specified registered surgery assistant duties and monitoring of patients during the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative phases. The bill would make other related changes to the dental auxiliary provisions of the Dental Practice Act. The bill would also increase the punishment for unauthorized practice under the Dental Practice Act in circumstances causing harm, as specified, by making it a felony offense. The bill would authorize the board to require a licensee to pay the costs of monitoring probationary terms or conditions imposed on his or her license and would prohibit the board from renewing or reinstating a license if those costs are unpaid.

(3) Existing law, the Medical Practice Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of physicians and surgeons by the Medical Board of California (the medical board) and for the licensure and regulation of podiatrists by the California Board of Podiatric Medicine (the podiatric board), within the jurisdiction of the medical board. Existing law creates the Health Quality Enforcement Section within the Department of Justice with the primary responsibility of prosecuting proceedings against licensees and applicants within the jurisdiction of the medical board and various other boards. Under existing law, a panel of administrative law judges, the Medical Quality Hearing Panel within the Office of Administrative Hearings, conducts disciplinary proceedings against licensees of the medical board and of boards under its jurisdiction. Existing law requires the podiatric board and the Division of Medical Quality of the medical board to issue an order of nonadoption of a proposed decision by the Medical Quality Hearing Panel within 90 days of receipt of the decision. Existing law requires that all complaints or relevant information concerning licensees that are within the jurisdiction of the medical board or the Board of Psychology be made available to the Health Quality Enforcement Section and requires the Division of Medical Quality of the medical board to report annually specified information to the Legislature relating to its operations and to the licensees of the medical board.

This bill would specify that an applicant remains eligible for a physician and surgeon's certificate issued by the medical board after having obtained

a passing score on the licensure examination in more than 4 attempts. The bill would authorize the podiatric board to employ, within the limits of the funds received by the podiatric board and subject to specified limitations, all personnel necessary to carry out the licensing and regulatory provisions applicable to podiatrists. The bill also would clarify that the provisions concerning the responsibilities of the Health Quality Enforcement Section within the Department of Justice apply to complaints and proceedings concerning licensees of the podiatric board. The bill would extend to 100 days the time period within which the podiatric board and the Division of Medical Quality are required to issue an order of nonadoption of a proposed decision by the Medical Quality Hearing Panel and would revise the information the division is required to include in its annual report to the Legislature.

(4) Existing law, the Occupational Therapy Act, establishes the California Board of Occupational Therapy and makes it responsible for issuing an occupational therapist's license and an occupational therapy assistant certification. The act requires that licensure and certification examinations be given at least twice each year at a place determined by the board and that the board provide notice of the examinations.

This bill would delete these particular provisions relating to licensure and certification examinations and would specify that the information on the board's Internet Web site is adequate for licensure verification purposes.

(5) Existing law, the Nursing Practice Act, provides for the registration and regulation of nurses by the Board of Registered Nursing in the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law requires an employer of, or agent for, a registered nurse to ascertain that the nurse is authorized to practice as a registered professional nurse. A violation of the Nursing Practice Act is a crime.

This bill would require an employer of, or agent for, a registered nurse required to hold a board-issued certification, as specified, or a temporary licensee or interim permittee to practice nursing to ascertain that the person is currently authorized to practice pursuant to the board-issued certification or as a temporary licensee or interim permittee. Because this bill would impose new requirements under the Nursing Practice Act, the violation of which would be a crime, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

(6) Under existing law, the Optometry Practice Act, the State Board of Optometry licenses and regulates persons engaged in the practice of optometry and makes a violation of the act a crime. Existing law requires an applicant for licensure to meet certain requirements, including signing a release allowing disclosure of information from the National Practitioner Data Bank.

This bill would instead require an applicant for licensure to sign a release allowing disclosure of information from the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank.

(7) Existing law, the Physician Assistant Practice Act, provides for the licensing and regulation of physician assistants by the Physician Assistant Committee of the Medical Board of California. Existing law provides for

the submission of applications for reinstatement, restoration, or modification of probation with respect to the revocation of a license or approval of a physician assistant after a specified period of time.

This bill would delete those provisions and would instead authorize a person whose license or approval has been revoked or suspended or placed on probation to petition the committee to reinstate the license or approval or modify the penalty after specified minimum periods of time, would require the petitioner to submit certain information, and would provide for a hearing by the committee, as specified. The bill would authorize the committee to require a licensee to pay the costs of monitoring probationary conditions imposed on his or her license.

(8) Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of naturopathic doctors. Existing law requires a licensee to pass a recertifying examination before the 10th anniversary of his or her initial licensure, and requires the bureau to establish standards for recertification.

This bill would delete the requirements that a licensee pass a recertifying examination.

(9) Existing law, the Pharmacy Law, provides for the licensure and regulation of pharmacists and wholesalers of dangerous drugs or dangerous devices by the Pharmacy Board and generally makes a violation of its provisions a crime.

Existing law authorizes a prescriber to dispense a controlled substance to an emergency room patient, if certain requirements are met, including the hospital pharmacy reporting dispensing information to the Department of Justice, as specified, if the drug is a schedule II or schedule III controlled substance.

This bill would also require the hospital to report dispensing information for any schedule IV controlled substance.

Existing law requires a board inspector to affix a tag or other marking to an adulterated or counterfeit dangerous drug or device, as specified, until such time as the drug or device is found not to be adulterated or counterfeit.

This bill would extend these provisions to dangerous drugs and devices that are misbranded, as defined.

Existing law prohibits a person from acting as a wholesaler or nonresident wholesaler of dangerous drugs or devices without a license, but exempts certain drug manufacturers that are otherwise licensed, as specified. Existing law authorizes the board to issue a temporary wholesaler license or temporary nonresident wholesaler license, as the board determines to be in the public interest, and requires that the fee for such a license be fixed by the board at an amount not to exceed the annual fee for renewal of a wholesaler license or nonresident wholesaler license, respectively. Existing law, until January 1, 2011, generally requires an applicant for issuance or renewal of a wholesaler or nonresident wholesaler license to submit a surety bond of \$100,000 or an equivalent means of security to secure payment of any administrative fines and costs imposed by the board.

This bill would instead apply the exemption from licensing to certain drug manufacturer premises that are otherwise licensed, as specified. The

bill would authorize the board to set the license fee for a temporary wholesaler or temporary nonresident wholesaler license at either \$550 or an amount not to exceed the annual fee for renewal of a license to compound injectable sterile drug products. The bill would authorize such a temporary license to be issued for a period not to exceed 180 days, subject to terms and conditions the board deems necessary, when needed to protect public safety. The bill would provide for termination of a temporary license that was issued by mistake or where a permanent license has been denied, as specified. The bill would extend the provisions requiring an applicant for issuance or renewal of a wholesaler or a nonresident wholesaler license to submit a surety bond or equivalent means of security until January 1, 2015. Because the bill may increase the amount of fees deposited into the Pharmacy Board Contingent Fund, a continuously appropriated fund, the bill would make an appropriation.

Existing law requires the licensure of intern pharmacists, and sets forth specified requirements that an intern pharmacist must meet and conditions under which an intern pharmacist license may be issued.

This bill would allow a person who has not completed the experience requirements necessary to be eligible for the licensure examination to have his or her intern license extended for up to 2 years at the discretion of the board in certain circumstances.

Under existing law, the board is authorized to issue citations containing fines and orders of abatement for a violation of the Pharmacy Law or regulations adopted pursuant to that law, and the board's executive officer is authorized to issue a letter of admonishment for a violation of those provisions. Existing law authorizes a county to establish, by ordinance, a repository and distribution program for purposes of distributing surplus unused medications, as defined, to persons in need of financial assistance to ensure access to necessary pharmaceutical therapies, and authorizes a drug manufacturer or a licensed health facility, pharmacy wholesaler, or pharmacy to donate medications pursuant to the provisions.

This bill would allow a citation or letter of admonishment to be issued for a violation of the provisions related to the repository and distribution programs.

Because this bill would create new requirements under the Pharmacy Law, the violation of which would be a crime, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

The bill would make other technical and clarifying amendments to the Pharmacy Law.

(10) Existing law establishes the Board of Behavioral Sciences and provides for the licensure of marriage and family therapists and registration of marriage and family therapist interns and for the regulation of these licensees and registrants. Under existing law, a licensee is required to complete continuing education as a prerequisite for licensure renewal and may place his or her license on inactive status. Existing law allows a licensee to renew his or her expired license within 5 years of its expiration date. Existing law assesses specified fees for licensure and registration with the

board that are deposited into the Behavioral Sciences Fund. Under existing law, an employee of a governmental entity, educational facility, or nonprofit charitable institution is exempt from the provisions otherwise pertaining to marriage and family therapists if his or her practice is performed under the employer's supervision.

This bill would additionally exempt from those provisions the work performed by a volunteer in those particular settings. The bill would revise the licensure requirements for an applicant possessing a license issued by another state in an equivalent field and would shorten the time within which an expired license may be renewed to 3 years after its expiration date. The bill would recast the provisions relating to inactive licenses and would delete certain obsolete continuing education requirements. The bill would delete other obsolete provisions relating to intern registration and would recast the renewal requirements for an intern registration. The bill would designate additional acts as unprofessional conduct for disciplinary purposes by the board and would recast its fee provisions.

(11) Existing law, the Educational Psychologist Practice Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of educational psychologists by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. Under the act, a licensee is required to complete continuing education as a prerequisite for licensure renewal and may renew his or her license within 5 years of its expiration date.

This bill would shorten the time within which an expired license may be renewed to 3 years after its expiration date and would designate additional acts as unprofessional conduct for disciplinary proceedings by the board.

(12) Existing law, the Clinical Social Workers Practice Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of clinical social workers by the Board of Behavioral Sciences and makes a violation of the act's provisions a crime. The act requires a person to register with the board as an associate clinical social worker prior to obtaining experience for licensure and allows the extension of this registration after it has been renewed 5 times. Under the act, fees assessed for registration and licensure are deposited into the Behavioral Sciences Fund. The act requires its licensees to complete continuing education as a prerequisite for licensure renewal and allows a licensee to place his or her license on inactive status. Under the act, a licensee may renew his or her expired license within 5 years of its expiration date. The act exempts from its provisions the practice of an employee in specified settings and the use of hypnotic techniques in designated settings.

This bill would revise these provisions to describe the exempt practice settings as a governmental entity, a school, college, or university, and a nonprofit charitable institution and would additionally exempt from the act's provisions the work performed by a volunteer in those settings. The bill would delete the provisions allowing extension of the associate clinical worker registration and would shorten the time within which an expired license may be renewed to 3 years after its expiration date. The bill would recast the licensure fee provisions and those relating to inactive licenses. The bill would delete certain obsolete continuing education requirements. The bill would designate additional acts as unprofessional conduct for

disciplinary purposes by the board and would impose certain requirements on the use of a fictitious name by a licensee in his or her practice. Because the bill would specify additional requirements under the act, the violation of which would be a crime, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

(13) This bill would incorporate additional changes in Sections 1725, 1750.4, 1753, and 1770 of the Business and Professions Code, proposed by SB 534, to be operative only if SB 534 and this bill are both chaptered and become effective on or before January 1, 2008, and this bill is chaptered last.

This bill would incorporate additional changes in Section 1751 of the Business and Professions Code, proposed by SB 534 and SB 963, to be operative only if either or both of those bills and this bill are chaptered and become effective on or before January 1, 2008, and this bill is chaptered last.

This bill would incorporate additional changes to Section 2335 of the Business and Professions Code, proposed by AB 253, to be operative only if AB 253 and this bill are both chaptered and become effective on or before January 1, 2008, and this bill is chaptered last.

This bill would incorporate additional changes to Section 4200.1 of the Business and Professions Code, proposed by SB 963, to be operative only if SB 963 and this bill are both chaptered and become effective on or before January 1, 2008, and this bill is chaptered last.

This bill would incorporate additional changes in Sections 12529 and 12529.5 of the Government Code, proposed by SB 797 to be operative only if SB 797 and this bill are both chaptered and become effective on or before January 1, 2008, and this bill is chaptered last.

(14) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Appropriation: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 337 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

337. (a) The department shall prepare and disseminate an informational brochure for victims of psychotherapist-patient sexual contact and advocates for those victims. This brochure shall be developed by the department in consultation with members of the Sexual Assault Program of the Office of Criminal Justice Planning and the office of the Attorney General.

(b) The brochure shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) A legal and an informal definition of psychotherapist-patient sexual contact.

(2) A brief description of common personal reactions and histories of victims and victim's families.

(3) A patient's bill of rights.

(4) Options for reporting psychotherapist-patient sexual relations and instructions for each reporting option.

(5) A full description of administrative, civil, and professional associations complaint procedures.

(6) A description of services available for support of victims.

(c) The brochure shall be provided to each individual contacting the Medical Board of California and affiliated health boards or the Board of Behavioral Sciences regarding a complaint involving psychotherapist-patient sexual relations.

SEC. 2. Section 1209 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1209. (a) As used in this chapter, "laboratory director" means any person who is a duly licensed physician and surgeon, or is licensed to direct a clinical laboratory under this chapter and who substantially meets the laboratory director qualifications under CLIA for the type and complexity of tests being offered by the laboratory. The laboratory director, if qualified under CLIA, may perform the duties of the technical consultant, technical supervisor, clinical consultant, general supervisor, and testing personnel, or delegate these responsibilities to persons qualified under CLIA. If the laboratory director reappoints performance of those responsibilities or duties, he or she shall remain responsible for ensuring that all those duties and responsibilities are properly performed.

(b) (1) The laboratory director is responsible for the overall operation and administration of the clinical laboratory, including administering the technical and scientific operation of a clinical laboratory, the selection and supervision of procedures, the reporting of results, and active participation in its operations to the extent necessary to ensure compliance with this act and CLIA. He or she shall be responsible for the proper performance of all laboratory work of all subordinates and shall employ a sufficient number of laboratory personnel with the appropriate education and either experience or training to provide appropriate consultation, properly supervise and accurately perform tests, and report test results in accordance with the personnel qualifications, duties, and responsibilities described in CLIA and this chapter.

(2) Where a point-of-care laboratory testing device is utilized and provides results for more than one analyte, the testing personnel may perform and report the results of all tests ordered for each analyte for which he or she has been found by the laboratory director to be competent to perform and report.

(c) As part of the overall operation and administration, the laboratory director of a registered laboratory shall document the adequacy of the qualifications (educational background, training, and experience) of the personnel directing and supervising the laboratory and performing the laboratory test procedures and examinations. In determining the adequacy



of qualifications, the laboratory director shall comply with any regulations adopted by the department that specify the minimum qualifications for personnel, in addition to any CLIA requirements relative to the education or training of personnel.

(d) As part of the overall operation and administration, the laboratory director of a licensed laboratory shall do all of the following:

(1) Ensure that all personnel, prior to testing biological specimens, have the appropriate education and experience, receive the appropriate training for the type and complexity of the services offered, and have demonstrated that they can perform all testing operations reliably to provide and report accurate results. In determining the adequacy of qualifications, the laboratory director shall comply with any regulations adopted by the department that specify the minimum qualifications for, and the type of procedures that may be performed by, personnel in addition to any CLIA requirements relative to the education or training of personnel. Any regulations adopted pursuant to this section that specify the type of procedure that may be performed by testing personnel shall be based on the skills, knowledge, and tasks required to perform the type of procedure in question.

(2) Ensure that policies and procedures are established for monitoring individuals who conduct preanalytical, analytical, and postanalytical phases of testing to ensure that they are competent and maintain their competency to process biological specimens, perform test procedures, and report test results promptly and proficiently, and, whenever necessary, identify needs for remedial training or continuing education to improve skills.

(3) Specify in writing the responsibilities and duties of each individual engaged in the performance of the preanalytic, analytic, and postanalytic phases of clinical laboratory tests or examinations, including which clinical laboratory tests or examinations the individual is authorized to perform, whether supervision is required for the individual to perform specimen processing, test performance, or results reporting, and whether consultant, supervisor, or director review is required prior to the individual reporting patient test results.

(e) The competency and performance of staff of a licensed laboratory shall be evaluated and documented by the laboratory director, or by a person who qualifies as a technical consultant or a technical supervisor under CLIA depending on the type and complexity of tests being offered by the laboratory.

(1) The procedures for evaluating the competency of the staff shall include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

(A) Direct observations of routine patient test performance, including patient preparation, if applicable, and specimen handling, processing, and testing.

(B) Monitoring the recording and reporting of test results.

(C) Review of intermediate test results or worksheets, quality control records, proficiency testing results, and preventive maintenance records.

(D) Direct observation of performance of instrument maintenance and function checks.

(E) Assessment of test performance through testing previously analyzed specimens, internal blind testing samples, or external proficiency testing samples.

(F) Assessment of problem solving skills.

(2) Evaluation and documentation of staff competency and performance shall occur at least semiannually during the first year an individual tests biological specimens. Thereafter, evaluations shall be performed at least annually unless test methodology or instrumentation changes, in which case, prior to reporting patient test results, the individual's performance shall be reevaluated to include the use of the new test methodology or instrumentation.

(f) The laboratory director of each clinical laboratory of an acute care hospital shall be a physician and surgeon who is a qualified pathologist, except as follows:

(1) If a qualified pathologist is not available, a physician and surgeon or a clinical laboratory bioanalyst qualified as a laboratory director under subdivision (a) may direct the laboratory. However, a qualified pathologist shall be available for consultation at suitable intervals to ensure high quality service.

(2) If there are two or more clinical laboratories of an acute care hospital, those additional clinical laboratories that are limited to the performance of blood gas analysis, blood electrolyte analysis, or both may be directed by a physician and surgeon qualified as a laboratory director under subdivision (a), irrespective of whether a pathologist is available.

As used in this subdivision, a qualified pathologist is a physician and surgeon certified or eligible for certification in clinical or anatomical pathology by the American Board of Pathology or the American Osteopathic Board of Pathology.

(g) Subdivision (f) does not apply to any director of a clinical laboratory of an acute care hospital acting in that capacity on or before January 1, 1988.

(h) A laboratory director may serve as the director of up to the maximum number of laboratories stipulated by CLIA, as defined under Section 1202.5.

SEC. 3. Section 1672 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

1672. (a) When the board disciplines a licensee by placing him or her on probation, the board may, in addition to the terms and conditions described in Section 1671, require the licensee to pay the monetary costs associated with monitoring the licensee's probation.

(b) The board shall not renew the license of a licensee who fails to pay all of the costs he or she is ordered to pay pursuant to this section once the licensee has served his or her term of probation.

(c) The board shall not reinstate a license if the petitioner has failed to pay any costs he or she was ordered to pay pursuant to this section.

SEC. 4. Section 1701.1 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1701.1. (a) Notwithstanding Sections 1700 and 1701, a person who willfully, under circumstances or conditions that cause or create risk of

bodily harm, serious physical or mental illness, or death, practices or attempts to practice, or advertises or holds himself or herself out as practicing dentistry without having at the time of so doing a valid, unrevoked, and unsuspended certificate, license, registration, or permit as provided in this chapter, or without being authorized to perform that act pursuant to a certificate, license, registration, or permit obtained in accordance with some other provision of law, is guilty of a public offense, punishable by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), by imprisonment in the state prison, by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by both the fine and either imprisonment.

(b) A person who conspires with or aids and abets another to commit any act described in subdivision (a) is guilty of a public offense and subject to the punishment described in subdivision (a).

(c) The remedy provided in this section shall not preclude any other remedy provided by law.

SEC. 5. Section 1725 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1725. The amount of the fees prescribed by this chapter that relate to the licensing of dental auxiliaries shall be established by board resolution and subject to the following limitations:

(a) The application fee for an original license shall not exceed twenty dollars (\$20). On and after January 1, 2010, the application fee for an original license shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50).

(b) (1) The fee for examination for licensure as a registered dental assistant shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50) for the written examination and shall not exceed sixty dollars (\$60) for the practical examination.

(2) On and after January 1, 2008, the following fees are established for registered orthodontic assistants, registered surgery assistants, registered restorative assistants, and registered dental assistants:

(A) The fee for application and for the issuance of a license shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50).

(B) The fee for the practical examination shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.

(C) The fee for a written examination shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.

(c) The fee for examination for licensure as a registered dental assistant in extended functions or a registered restorative assistant in extended functions shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.

(d) The fee for examination for licensure as a registered dental hygienist shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.

(e) For third- and fourth-year dental students, the fee for examination for licensure as a registered dental hygienist shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.

(f) The fee for examination for licensure as a registered dental hygienist in extended functions shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.

(g) The board shall establish the fee at an amount not to exceed the actual cost for licensure as a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice.

(h) The biennial renewal fee for a dental auxiliary whose license expires on or after January 1, 1991, shall not exceed sixty dollars (\$60). On or after January 1, 1992, the board may set the renewal fee in an amount not to exceed eighty dollars (\$80).

(i) The delinquency fee shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25) or one-half of the renewal fee, whichever is greater. Any delinquent license may be restored only upon payment of all fees, including the delinquency fee.

(j) The fee for issuance of a duplicate registration, license, or certificate to replace one that is lost or destroyed, or in the event of a name change, shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25).

(k) The fee for each curriculum review and site evaluation for educational programs for registered dental assistants that are not accredited by a board-approved agency, the Council for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education, or the Chancellor's office of the California Community Colleges shall not exceed one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400).

(l) The fee for review of each approval application for a course that is not accredited by a board-approved agency, the Council for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education, or the Chancellor's office of the California Community Colleges shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).

(m) No fees or charges other than those listed in subdivisions (a) through (k) above shall be levied by the board in connection with the licensure of dental auxiliaries, registered dental assistants educational program site evaluations and radiation safety course evaluations pursuant to this chapter.

(n) Fees fixed by the board pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the approval of the Office of Administrative Law.

(o) Fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the State Dental Auxiliary Fund.

SEC. 5.5. Section 1725 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1725. The amount of the fees prescribed by this chapter that relate to the licensing of dental auxiliaries shall be established by board resolution and subject to the following limitations:

(a) The application fee for an original license shall not exceed twenty dollars (\$20). On and after January 1, 2010, the application fee for an original license shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50).

(b) (1) The fee for examination for licensure as a registered dental assistant shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50) for the written examination and shall not exceed sixty dollars (\$60) for the practical examination.

(2) On and after January 1, 2008, the following fees are established for registered orthodontic assistants, registered surgery assistants, registered restorative assistants, and registered dental assistants:

(A) The fee for application and for the issuance of a license shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50).

(B) The fee for the practical examination shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.

(C) The fee for a written examination shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.

(c) The fee for examination for licensure as a registered dental assistant in extended functions or a registered restorative assistant in extended functions shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.

(d) The biennial renewal fee for a dental assistant shall not exceed eighty dollars (\$80).

(e) The delinquency fee shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25) or one-half of the renewal fee, whichever is greater. Any delinquent license may be restored only upon payment of all fees, including the delinquency fee.

(f) The fee for issuance of a duplicate registration, license, or certificate to replace one that is lost or destroyed, or in the event of a name change, shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25).

(g) The fee for each curriculum review and site evaluation for educational programs for registered dental assistants that are not accredited by a board-approved agency, the Council for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education, or the Chancellor's office of the California Community Colleges shall not exceed one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400).

(h) The fee for review of each approval application for a course that is not accredited by a board-approved agency, the Council for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education, or the Chancellor's office of the California Community Colleges shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).

(i) No fees or charges other than those listed in subdivisions (a) through (h) above shall be levied by the board in connection with the licensure of dental assistants, dental assisting educational program site evaluations, and radiation safety course evaluations, pursuant to this chapter.

(j) Fees fixed by the board pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the approval of the Office of Administrative Law.

(k) Fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the State Dental Assistant Fund.

SEC. 6. Section 1750 of the Business and Professions Code, as amended by Section 3 of Chapter 621 of the Statutes of 2005, is amended to read:

1750. (a) A dental assistant is a person who may perform basic supportive dental procedures as authorized by this article under the supervision of a licensed dentist and who may perform basic supportive procedures as authorized pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 1751 under the supervision of a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice.

(b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 7. Section 1750 of the Business and Professions Code, as amended by Section 4 of Chapter 621 of the Statutes of 2005, is amended to read:

1750. (a) A dental assistant is an individual who, without a license, may perform basic supportive dental procedures, as authorized by this article and by regulations adopted by the board, under the supervision of a licensed dentist. "Basic supportive dental procedures" are those procedures that have technically elementary characteristics, are completely reversible, and are unlikely to precipitate potentially hazardous conditions for the patient being treated. These basic supportive dental procedures may be performed under general supervision. These basic supportive dental procedures do not include those procedures authorized in Section 1750.3 or Section 1753.1, or by the board pursuant to Section 1751 for registered assistants.

(b) The supervising licensed dentist shall be responsible for determining the competency of the dental assistant to perform the basic supportive dental procedures authorized pursuant to subdivision (a).

(c) The supervising licensed dentist shall be responsible for assuring that each dental assistant, registered orthodontic assistant, registered surgery assistant, registered restorative assistant, registered restorative assistant in extended functions, registered dental assistant, and registered dental assistant in extended functions, who is in his or her continuous employ for 120 days or more, has completed both of the following within a year of the date of employment:

(1) Board-approved courses in infection control and California law.

(2) A course in basic life support offered by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, or any other course approved by the board as equivalent.

(d) Prior to operating radiographic equipment or applying for licensure as a registered dental assistant under Section 1752.5, an auxiliary described in subdivision (c) shall successfully complete a radiation safety course approved by the board.

(e) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010.

SEC. 8. Section 1750.1 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1750.1. (a) The practice of dental assisting does not include any of the following procedures:

(1) Diagnosis and comprehensive treatment planning.

(2) Placing, finishing, or removing permanent restorations, except as provided in Section 1753.1.

(3) Surgery or cutting on hard and soft tissue including, but not limited to, the removal of teeth and the cutting and suturing of soft tissue.

(4) Prescribing medication.

(5) Starting or adjusting local or general anesthesia or oral or parenteral conscious sedation, except for the administration of nitrous oxide and oxygen, whether administered alone or in combination with each other and except as otherwise provided in this article.

(b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010.

SEC. 9. Section 1750.2 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1750.2. (a) On and after January 1, 2010, the board shall license as a “registered orthodontic assistant,” “registered surgery assistant,” or “registered restorative assistant” any person who does either of the following:

(1) Submits written evidence of satisfactory completion of a course or courses approved by the board pursuant to subdivision (b) that qualifies him or her in one of these specialty areas of practice and obtains a passing score on both of the following:

(A) A written examination approved by the board and administered by the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries (COMDA) or by an entity recommended by COMDA. COMDA may enter into a written agreement with a public or private organization for the administration of the examination. All aspects of the examination shall comply with Section 139.

(B) A practical examination for the specialty category for which the person is seeking licensure that is approved by the board and administered by the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries (COMDA) or by an entity recommended by COMDA. COMDA may enter into a written agreement with a public or private organization for the administration of the examination. All aspects of the examination shall comply with Section 139.

(2) Completes a work experience pathway to licensure that meets the requirements set forth in Section 1750.4. This section permits the work experience pathway to licensure only for those assistants described in this subdivision and does not apply to dentists or dental hygienists.

(b) The board shall adopt regulations for the approval of specialty registration courses in the specialty areas specified in this section. The board shall also adopt regulations for the approval and recognition of core courses that teach basic dental science.

The regulations shall define the minimum education and training requirements necessary to achieve proficiency in the procedures authorized for each specialty registration, taking into account the combinations of classroom and practical instruction, clinical training, and supervised work experience that are most likely to provide the greatest number of opportunities for improving dental assisting skills efficiently.

(c) The board may approve specialty registration courses referred to in this section prior to January 1, 2010, and the board shall recognize the completion of these approved courses prior to January 1, 2010, but no specialty registrations shall be issued prior to January 1, 2010.

(d) The board may approve a course for the specialty registration listed in subdivision (b) that does not include instruction in coronal polishing.

(e) The board may approve a course that only includes instruction in coronal polishing as specified in paragraph (8) of subdivision (b) of Section 1750.3.

(f) A person who holds a specialty registration pursuant to this section shall be subject to the continuing education requirements established by the board pursuant to Section 1645 and the renewal requirements of Article 6 (commencing with Section 1715).

SEC. 10. Section 1750.3 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1750.3. (a) A registered orthodontic assistant may perform all of the following dental procedures, as well as those authorized by board regulations adopted pursuant to Section 1751:

- (1) Any duties that a dental assistant may perform.
- (2) Mouth-mirror inspections of the oral cavity, to include charting of obvious lesions, existing restorations, and missing teeth.
- (3) Placing metal orthodontic separators.
- (4) Placing ligatures and arch wires.
- (5) Taking orthodontic impressions.
- (6) Sizing, fitting, cementing, and removal of orthodontic bands.
- (7) Selecting, repositioning, curing in a position approved by the supervising dentist, and removal of orthodontic brackets.
- (8) Coronal polishing.
- (9) Preparing teeth for bonding.
- (10) Applying bleaching agents and activating bleaching agents with nonlaser, light-curing devices.
- (11) Removal of excess cement from coronal surfaces of teeth under orthodontic treatment by means of a hand instrument or an ultrasonic scaler.
- (12) Taking facebow transfers and bite registrations for diagnostic models for case study only.

(b) A registered surgery assistant may perform the following dental procedures, as well as those authorized by board regulations adopted pursuant to Section 1751:

- (1) Any duties that a dental assistant may perform.
- (2) Mouth-mirror inspections of the oral cavity, to include charting of obvious lesions, existing restorations, and missing teeth.
- (3) Monitoring of patients during the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative phases.

(A) For purposes of this paragraph, patient monitoring includes the following:

- (i) Selection and validation of monitoring sensors, selecting menus and default settings and analysis for electrocardiogram, pulse oximeter and capnograph, continuous blood pressure, pulse, and respiration rates.
- (ii) Interpretation of data from noninvasive patient monitors including readings from continuous blood pressure and information from the monitor display for electrocardiogram waveform, carbon dioxide and end tidal carbon dioxide concentration, respiratory cycle data, continuous noninvasive blood pressure data, and pulse arterial oxygen saturation measurements, for the purpose of evaluating the condition of the patient during preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative treatment.

(B) For purposes of this paragraph, patient monitoring does not include the following:

- (i) Reading and transmitting information from the monitor display during the intraoperative phase of surgery for electrocardiogram waveform, carbon dioxide and end tidal carbon dioxide concentrations, respiratory cycle data, continuous noninvasive blood pressure data, or pulse arterial oxygen



saturation measurements, for the purpose of interpretation and evaluation by a licensed dentist who shall be at chairside during this procedure.

- (ii) Placing of sensors.
- (4) Taking impressions for surgical splints and occlusal guards.
- (5) Placement of surgical dressings.
- (6) Adding drugs, medications, and fluids to intravenous lines using a syringe, provided that a licensed dentist is present at the patient's chairside.
- (7) Removal of intravenous lines.
- (8) Coronal polishing, provided that evidence of satisfactory completion of a board-approved course in this function has been submitted to the board prior to the performance thereof.

(c) A registered restorative assistant may perform all of the following dental procedures, as well as those authorized by board regulations adopted pursuant to Section 1751:

- (1) Any duties that a dental assistant may perform.
- (2) Mouth-mirror inspections of the oral cavity, to include charting of obvious lesions, existing restorations, and missing teeth.
- (3) Sizing, fitting, adjusting, intraorally fabricating, temporarily cementing, and removing temporary crowns and other temporary restorations.
- (4) Placing bases and liners on sound dentin.
- (5) Removing excess cement from supragingival surfaces of teeth with a hand instrument or an ultrasonic scaler.
- (6) Taking facebow transfers and bite registrations for diagnostic models for case study only.
- (7) Taking impressions for space-maintaining appliances and occlusal guards.
- (8) Coronal polishing.
- (9) Applying pit and fissure sealants.
- (10) Applying bleaching agents and activating bleaching agents with nonlaser, light-curing devices.
- (11) Placement of surgical dressings.

(d) The supervising dentist shall be responsible for determining the level of supervision required for assistants registered pursuant to this section.

(e) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010.

SEC. 11. Section 1750.4 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1750.4. (a) A dentist who holds an active, current, and unrestricted license to practice dentistry under this chapter may train and educate his or her employees, or employees of the dental office, primary care clinic, or hospital where the dentist is practicing and directly supervises the employees, without charge or cost to the employees, in all of the allowable duties for the purpose of licensure in one of the specialty licensure categories set forth in Section 1750.2. A dentist may not begin the work experience training and education of an employee until his or her application for that particular employee is approved by the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries. For purposes of this subdivision, an unrestricted license means a license that is not

suspended, placed on probation, or restricted pursuant to subparagraph (B) or (C) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 1635.5.

(1) In order to train or educate pursuant to this subdivision, the dentist shall be subject to the following terms and conditions, which are applicable prior to commencing training for each employee:

(A) On a completed and signed application form approved by the committee, the dentist shall provide the specialty dental assistant category in which the dentist will be training the employee and the name of the employee. When the committee provides a requested application to an employer, the committee shall also provide a copy of the regulations governing the education and training of the specialty assistants or provide access to the regulations on the committee's Internet Web site.

(B) The education and training the dentist provides shall be in compliance with the regulations adopted by the board pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 1750.2. Employees trained pursuant to this section shall be considered bona fide students, as described in Section 1626.5, as added by Section 6 of Chapter 655 of the Statutes of 1999. The dentist shall not allow the employee to begin the clinical training on patients until the employee has completed the didactic and preclinical training, which includes nonpatient training on typodonts and other laboratory models and as prescribed in regulations, and a minimum of 120 days as a dental assistant in California or another state, which may include graduation from a regional occupational center or regional occupation program pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b).

(C) The dentist shall pay a fee to the committee to cover administrative costs not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each employee he or she is training and educating. If a dentist is training and educating an employee in more than one of the specialty licensure categories at the same time, the dentist shall pay the fee for each category in which the employee is being trained and educated.

(D) Prior to beginning employee training, the dentist shall complete a teaching methodology course approved by the board that is six hours in length and covers educational objectives, content, instructional methods, and evaluation procedures. The dentist shall be exempt from this requirement if he or she holds any one of the following degrees, credentials, or positions:

- (i) A postgraduate degree in education.
- (ii) A Ryan Designated Subjects Vocational Education Teaching Credential.
- (iii) A Standard Designated Subjects Teaching Credential.
- (iv) A Community College Teaching Credential.
- (v) Is a faculty member of a dental school approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

The dentist shall provide to the board proof of one of these designations or shall submit a certificate of course completion in teaching methodology.

(2) All duties performed by an employee pursuant to this section shall be done in the dentist's presence. The dentist shall ensure that any patient treated by a bona fide student is verbally informed of the student's status.

(3) The work experience pathway for the employee shall not exceed a term of 18 months, starting on the date that the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries approves the application submitted by the dentist for that employee.

(4) Upon successful completion of the work experience pathway period, the dentist shall certify in writing that the employee has successfully completed the educational program covering all procedures authorized for the specialty category for which the employee is seeking licensure.

(5) With respect to this subdivision, the committee:

(A) Shall approve the application form described in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1). The application form shall not be required to comply with the provisions of Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

(B) Shall have a maximum of 60 days from the date a completed application is received in which to approve or deny an application under this subdivision. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a dentist from appealing the denial of an application to the executive officer of the committee.

(C) May inspect the dentist's facilities and practice at any time to ensure compliance with regulations adopted by the board pursuant to Section 1750.2.

(D) May revoke an approval for a dentist to provide training or education pursuant to this section if the dentist is disciplined by the board, fails to provide the training or education in accordance with the law and regulations governing the specialty licensure category, or fails to allow an inspection by the committee, or other good cause. A dentist whose approval is revoked may appeal the revocation to the committee's executive officer.

(E) May limit by regulations, approved by the board, the number of times a dentist may train or educate an individual employee in one or more of the specialty licensure categories.

(F) May limit by regulations, approved by the board, the number of employees a dentist may train during the same time period.

(G) May by regulations, approved by the board, require an applicant for licensure who has repeatedly failed to pass either the written or practical examination for the specialty licensure category to complete additional training and education before he or she is allowed to retake the examination.

(b) As a condition for licensure for specialty registration under Section 1750.2, an applicant who completes a work experience pathway pursuant to this section shall do the following:

(1) Certify to the board that he or she has a minimum of 1600 hours of prior work experience as a dental assistant. The 1600 hours of required work experience may be obtained by working for multiple employers, if the applicant provides written evidence of work experience from each dentist employer. The employee may begin the work experience pathway before he or she completes 1600 hours of work experience, but may not apply for licensure until that work experience is completed. The board shall give credit toward the 1600 hours of work experience to persons who have

graduated from a dental assisting program in a postsecondary institution, secondary institution, regional occupational center, or regional occupation program that is not approved by the board. The credit shall equal the hours spent in classroom training and internship on an hour-for-hour basis not to exceed 400 hours.

(2) Certify to the board that he or she has completed the educational program covering all procedures authorized for the specialty category for which the applicant is seeking licensure.

(3) Obtain a passing score on a written examination that is approved by the board and administered by the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries (COMDA) or by an entity that is recommended by COMDA. COMDA may enter into a written agreement with a public or private organization for the administration of the examination. All aspects of the examination shall comply with Section 139.

(4) Obtain a passing score on the practical examination for the specialty category for which the employee is seeking licensure that is approved by the board and administered by the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries (COMDA) or by an entity recommended by COMDA. COMDA may enter into a written agreement with a public or private organization for the administration of the examination. All aspects of the examination shall comply with Section 139.

SEC. 11.5. Section 1750.4 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1750.4. (a) A dentist who holds an active, current, and unrestricted license to practice dentistry under this chapter may train and educate his or her employees, or employees of the dental office, primary care clinic, or hospital where the dentist is practicing and directly supervises the employees, without charge or cost to the employees, in all of the allowable duties for the purpose of licensure in one of the specialty licensure categories set forth in Section 1750.2. A dentist may not begin the work experience training and education of an employee until his or her application for that particular employee is approved by the board. For purposes of this subdivision, an unrestricted license means a license that is not suspended, placed on probation, or restricted pursuant to subparagraph (B) or (C) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 1635.5.

(1) In order to train or educate pursuant to this subdivision, the dentist shall be subject to the following terms and conditions, which are applicable prior to commencing training for each employee:

(A) On a completed and signed application form approved by the board, the dentist shall provide the specialty dental assistant category in which the dentist will be training the employee and the name of the employee. When the board provides a requested application to an employer, the board shall also provide a copy of the regulations governing the education and training of the specialty assistants or provide access to the regulations on the board's Internet Web site.

(B) The education and training the dentist provides shall be in compliance with the regulations adopted by the board pursuant to subdivision (b) of

Section 1750.2. Employees trained pursuant to this section shall be considered bona fide students, as described in Section 1626.5, as added by Section 6 of Chapter 655 of the Statutes of 1999. The dentist shall not allow the employee to begin the clinical training on patients until the employee has completed the didactic and preclinical training, which includes nonpatient training on typodonts and other laboratory models and as prescribed in regulations, and a minimum of 120 days as a dental assistant in California or another state, which may include graduation from a regional occupational center or regional occupation program pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b).

(C) The dentist shall pay a fee to the board to cover administrative costs not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each employee he or she is training and educating. If a dentist is training and educating an employee in more than one of the specialty licensure categories at the same time, the dentist shall pay the fee for each category in which the employee is being trained and educated.

(D) Prior to beginning employee training, the dentist shall complete a teaching methodology course approved by the board that is six hours in length and covers educational objectives, content, instructional methods, and evaluation procedures. The dentist shall be exempt from this requirement if he or she holds any one of the following degrees, credentials, or positions:

- (i) A postgraduate degree in education.
- (ii) A Ryan Designated Subjects Vocational Education Teaching Credential.
- (iii) A Standard Designated Subjects Teaching Credential.
- (iv) A Community College Teaching Credential.
- (v) Is a faculty member of a dental school approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

The dentist shall provide to the board proof of one of these designations or shall submit a certificate of course completion in teaching methodology.

(2) All duties performed by an employee pursuant to this section shall be done in the dentist's presence. The dentist shall ensure that any patient treated by a bona fide student is verbally informed of the student's status.

(3) The work experience pathway for the employee shall not exceed a term of 18 months, starting on the date that the board approves the application submitted by the dentist for that employee.

(4) Upon successful completion of the work experience pathway period, the dentist shall certify in writing that the employee has successfully completed the educational program covering all procedures authorized for the specialty category for which the employee is seeking licensure.

(5) With respect to this subdivision, the board:

(A) Shall approve the application form described in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1). The application form shall not be required to comply with the provisions of Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

(B) Shall have a maximum of 60 days from the date a completed application is received in which to approve or deny an application under

this subdivision. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a dentist from appealing the denial of an application to the executive officer of the board.

(C) May inspect the dentist's facilities and practice at any time to ensure compliance with regulations adopted by the board pursuant to Section 1750.2.

(D) May revoke an approval for a dentist to provide training or education pursuant to this section if the dentist is disciplined by the board, fails to provide the training or education in accordance with the law and regulations governing the specialty licensure category, or fails to allow an inspection by the board, or other good cause. A dentist whose approval is revoked may appeal the revocation to the board's executive officer.

(E) May limit by regulations, approved by the board, the number of times a dentist may train or educate an individual employee in one or more of the specialty licensure categories.

(F) May limit by regulations, approved by the board, the number of employees a dentist may train during the same time period.

(G) May by regulations, approved by the board, require an applicant for licensure who has repeatedly failed to pass either the written or practical examination for the specialty licensure category to complete additional training and education before he or she is allowed to retake the examination.

(b) As a condition for licensure for specialty registration under Section 1750.2, an applicant who completes a work experience pathway pursuant to this section shall do the following:

(1) Certify to the board that he or she has a minimum of 1600 hours of prior work experience as a dental assistant. The 1600 hours of required work experience may be obtained by working for multiple employers, if the applicant provides written evidence of work experience from each dentist employer. The employee may begin the work experience pathway before he or she completes 1600 hours of work experience, but may not apply for licensure until that work experience is completed. The board shall give credit toward the 1600 hours of work experience to persons who have graduated from a dental assisting program in a postsecondary institution, secondary institution, regional occupational center, or regional occupation program that is not approved by the board. The credit shall equal the hours spent in classroom training and internship on an hour-for-hour basis not to exceed 400 hours.

(2) Certify to the board that he or she has completed the educational program covering all procedures authorized for the specialty category for which the applicant is seeking licensure.

(3) Obtain a passing score on a written examination that is approved by the board and administered by the board or by an entity that is recommended by the board. The board may enter into a written agreement with a public or private organization for the administration of the examination. All aspects of the examination shall comply with Section 139.

(4) Obtain a passing score on the practical examination for the specialty category for which the employee is seeking licensure that is approved by the board and administered by the board or by an entity recommended by

the board. The board may enter into a written agreement with a public or private organization for the administration of the examination. All aspects of the examination shall comply with Section 139.

SEC. 12. Section 1751 of the Business and Professions Code, as amended by Section 7.1 of Chapter 621 of the Statutes of 2005, is amended to read:

1751. (a) By September 15, 1993, the board, upon recommendation of the committee, consistent with this article, standards of good dental practice, and the health and welfare of patients, shall adopt regulations relating to the functions that may be performed by dental assistants under direct or general supervision, and the settings within which dental assistants may work. At least once every seven years thereafter, the board shall review the list of functions performable by dental assistants, the supervision level, and settings under which they may be performed, and shall update the regulations as needed to keep them current with the state of the practice.

(b) Under the supervision of a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice, a dental assistant may perform intraoral retraction and suctioning.

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 12.5. Section 1751 of the Business and Professions Code, as amended by Section 7.1 of Chapter 621 of the Statutes of 2005, is amended to read:

1751. (a) By September 15, 1993, the board, upon recommendation of the dental assisting committee, consistent with this article, standards of good dental practice, and the health and welfare of patients, shall adopt regulations relating to the functions that may be performed by dental assistants under direct or general supervision, and the settings within which dental assistants may work. At least once every seven years thereafter, the board shall review the list of functions performable by dental assistants, the supervision level, and settings under which they may be performed, and shall update the regulations as needed to keep them current with the state of the practice.

(b) Under the supervision of a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice, a dental assistant may perform intraoral retraction and suctioning.

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 13. Section 1751 of the Business and Professions Code, as amended by Section 8 of Chapter 621 of the Statutes of 2005, is amended to read:

1751. (a) The board, upon recommendation of the committee, shall adopt regulations governing the procedures that dental assistants, registered orthodontic assistants, registered surgery assistants, registered restorative assistants, registered dental assistants, registered restorative assistants in extended functions, and registered dental assistants in extended functions are authorized to perform consistent with and necessary to implement the provisions of this article, and the settings within which each may practice.

(b) The board shall conduct an initial review of the procedures, supervision level, settings under which they may be performed, and

utilization of extended functions dental auxiliaries by January 1, 2012. The board shall submit the results of its review to the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Consumer Protection. After the initial review, a review shall be conducted at least once every five to seven years thereafter and the board shall update regulations as necessary to keep them current with the state of dental practice.

(c) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010.

SEC. 13.2. Section 1751 of the Business and Professions Code, as amended by Section 8 of Chapter 621 of the Statutes of 2005, is amended to read:

1751. (a) The board, upon recommendation of the dental assisting committee, shall adopt regulations governing the procedures that dental assistants, registered orthodontic assistants, registered surgery assistants, registered restorative assistants, registered dental assistants, registered restorative assistants in extended functions, and registered dental assistants in extended functions are authorized to perform consistent with and necessary to implement the provisions of this article, and the settings within which each may practice.

(b) The board shall conduct an initial review of the procedures, supervision level, settings under which they may be performed, and utilization of extended functions dental auxiliaries by January 1, 2012. The board shall submit the results of its review to the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Consumer Protection. After the initial review, a review shall be conducted at least once every five to seven years thereafter and the board shall update regulations as necessary to keep them current with the state of dental practice.

(c) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010.

SEC. 13.4. Section 1751 of the Business and Professions Code, as amended by Section 8 of Chapter 621 of the Statutes of 2005, is amended to read:

1751. (a) The board, upon recommendation of the committee, shall adopt regulations governing the procedures that dental assistants, registered orthodontic assistants, registered surgery assistants, registered restorative assistants, registered dental assistants, registered restorative assistants in extended functions, and registered dental assistants in extended functions are authorized to perform consistent with and necessary to implement the provisions of this article, and the settings within which each may practice.

(b) The board shall conduct an initial review of the procedures, supervision level, settings under which they may be performed, and utilization of extended functions dental auxiliaries by January 1, 2012. The board shall submit the results of its review to the Legislature and the Office of the Consumer Advocate. After the initial review, a review shall be conducted at least once every five to seven years thereafter and the board shall update regulations as necessary to keep them current with the state of dental practice.

(c) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010.



SEC. 13.6. Section 1751 of the Business and Professions Code, as amended by Section 8 of Chapter 621 of the Statutes of 2005, is amended to read:

1751. (a) The board, upon recommendation of the dental assisting committee, shall adopt regulations governing the procedures that dental assistants, registered orthodontic assistants, registered surgery assistants, registered restorative assistants, registered dental assistants, registered restorative assistants in extended functions, and registered dental assistants in extended functions are authorized to perform consistent with and necessary to implement the provisions of this article, and the settings within which each may practice.

(b) The board shall conduct an initial review of the procedures, supervision level, settings under which they may be performed, and utilization of extended functions dental auxiliaries by January 1, 2012. The board shall submit the results of its review to the Legislature and the Office of the Consumer Advocate. After the initial review, a review shall be conducted at least once every five to seven years thereafter and the board shall update regulations as necessary to keep them current with the state of dental practice.

(c) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010.

SEC. 14. Section 1752 of the Business and Professions Code, as amended by Section 10 of Chapter 621 of the Statutes of 2005, is amended to read:

1752. (a) The supervising licensed dentist shall be responsible for determining the competency of the dental assistant to perform allowable functions.

(b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 15. Section 1752 of the Business and Professions Code, as amended by Section 10.1 of Chapter 621 of the Statutes of 2005, is amended to read:

1752. (a) A “registered dental assistant in extended functions” is an individual licensed pursuant to this article who may perform basic restorative services and direct patient care, as authorized by Sections 1750, 1750.3, and 1753.1, and by the board regulations adopted pursuant to Section 1751 under the supervision of a licensed dentist.

(b) A “registered restorative assistant in extended functions” is an individual licensed pursuant to this article who may perform basic restorative services and direct patient care, as authorized by Section 1750, subdivision (c) of Section 1750.3, and Section 1753.1, and by board regulations adopted pursuant to Section 1751 under the supervision of a licensed dentist.

(c) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010.

SEC. 16. Section 1752.1 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1752.1. (a) The board shall license as a registered dental assistant a person who files an application prior to September 1, 2009, and submits written evidence, satisfactory to the board, of either one of the following requirements:

(1) Graduation from an educational program in dental assisting approved by the board, and satisfactory performance on written and practical examinations required by the board.

(2) Satisfactory work experience of more than 12 months as a dental assistant in California or another state and satisfactory performance on a written and practical examination required by the board. The board shall give credit toward the 12 months work experience referred to in this subdivision to persons who have graduated from a dental assisting program in a postsecondary institution approved by the Department of Education or in a secondary institution, regional occupational center, or regional occupational program, that are not, however, approved by the board pursuant to subdivision (a). The credit shall equal the total weeks spent in classroom training and internship on a week-for-week basis not to exceed 16 weeks. The board, in cooperation with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, shall establish the minimum criteria for the curriculum of nonboard-approved programs. Additionally, the board shall notify those programs only if the program's curriculum does not meet established minimum criteria, as established for board-approved registered dental assistant programs, except any requirement that the program be given in a postsecondary institution. Graduates of programs not meeting established minimum criteria shall not qualify for satisfactory work experience as defined by this section.

(b) In addition to the requirements specified in subdivision (a), each applicant for registered dental assistant licensure on or after July 1, 2002, shall provide evidence of having successfully completed board-approved courses in radiation safety and coronal polishing as a condition of licensure. The length and content of the courses shall be governed by applicable board regulations.

(c) An applicant who fails to pass the written and practical examinations required by this section on or before June 30, 2010, shall not be eligible for further reexamination and must apply for and meet the requirements for registered dental assistant licensure specified in Section 1752.5. Between September 1, 2009, and June 30, 2010, an applicant shall only be allowed to apply to take the written examination two times, and shall only be allowed to apply to take the practical examination two times.

(d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2011, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2011, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 17. Section 1752.2 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1752.2. (a) A board-approved educational program in registered dental assisting, as provided in subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 1752.5, is a program that has met the requirements for approval pursuant to board regulations.

(b) An educational program in registered dental assisting that has been approved by the board prior to January 1, 2010, to teach the duties that a registered dental assistant was allowed to perform pursuant to board regulations prior to January 1, 2010, shall continue to be so approved on

and after January 1, 2010, if it has certified no later than November 30, 2009, on a form specified by the board, that it shall provide instruction in all duties that registered dental assistants shall be allowed to perform on and after January 1, 2010, with the exception of adding drugs, medications, and fluids to intravenous lines using a syringe and the monitoring of patients during the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative phases.

(c) The board may at any time conduct a thorough evaluation of an approved educational program's curriculum and facilities to determine whether the program meets the requirements for approval as specified in board regulations.

SEC. 18. Section 1752.5 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1752.5. On and after September 1, 2009, a person may apply for and be issued a license as a registered dental assistant upon obtaining a passing score on a written and practical examination required by the board and providing evidence to the board of one of the following:

(a) Successful completion of an educational program in registered dental assisting approved by the board on or after January 1, 2008, to teach all of the functions specified in Section 1750.3, with the exception of the duties of adding drugs, medications, and fluids to intravenous lines using a syringe and the monitoring of patients during the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative phases.

(b) Successful completion of:

(1) An educational program in registered dental assisting approved by the board to teach the duties that registered dental assistants were allowed to perform pursuant to board regulations prior to January 1, 2010.

(2) A board-approved course or courses in the following duties:

(A) Selecting, prepositioning, curing in a position approved by the supervising dentist, and removal of orthodontic brackets.

(B) Applying pit and fissure sealants.

(c) Successful completion of:

(1) Twelve months of satisfactory work experience as a dental assistant in California or another state. The board shall give credit toward the 12 months of work experience to persons who have graduated from a dental assisting program in a postsecondary institution, secondary institution, regional occupational center, or regional occupation program that are not approved by the board. The credit shall equal the total weeks spent in classroom training and internship on a week-for-week basis not to exceed 16 weeks.

(2) The three board-approved specialty registration courses, as defined in Section 1750.2, for registration as a registered orthodontic assistant, registered surgery assistant, and registered restorative assistant. Any specialty license issued pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 1750.2 shall be deemed to have met the requirements of this subdivision for that specialty.

(3) A board-approved radiation safety program.

SEC. 19. Section 1752.6 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1752.6. A registered dental assistant may perform all duties and procedures that a dental assistant, registered orthodontic assistant, registered surgery assistant, and a registered restorative assistant are allowed to perform, as well as those procedures authorized by regulations adopted pursuant to Section 1751, except for the following:

(a) A registered dental assistant who qualifies for licensure under subdivision (a) of Section 1752.5 may only perform the registered surgery assistant duties of adding drugs, medications, and fluids to intravenous lines and the monitoring of patients during the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative phases after providing evidence of completion of a board-approved course or courses in these duties.

(b) A registered dental assistant licensed on or before July 1, 2010, who qualified for licensure prior to September 1, 2009, may only perform the following duties after the completion of a board-approved course or courses in the following duties:

(1) Selecting, prepositioning, curing in a position approved by the supervising dentist, and removal of orthodontic brackets.

(2) Monitoring of patients during the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative phases, using noninvasive instrumentation such as pulse oximeters, electrocardiograms, and capnography.

(3) Adding drugs, medications, and fluids to intravenous lines.

(4) Applying pit and fissure sealants.

(c) The supervising dentist shall be responsible for determining the level of supervision required for authorized procedures performed by registered dental assistants.

(d) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010.

SEC. 20. Section 1753 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1753. (a) On and after January 1, 2010, the board shall license as a registered dental assistant in extended functions a person who submits written evidence, satisfactory to the board, of all of the following:

(1) Current licensure as a registered dental assistant, or completion of the requirements for licensure as a registered dental assistant, as provided in Section 1752.5.

(2) Successful completion of either of the following:

(A) An extended functions postsecondary program approved by the board in all of the procedures specified in Section 1753.1.

(B) An extended functions postsecondary program approved by the board on or before July 1, 2009, to teach the duties that registered dental assistants in extended functions were allowed to perform pursuant to board regulations prior to January 1, 2010, and a course approved by the board in the procedures specified in paragraphs (8) through (13) of subdivision (b) of Section 1753.1.

(3) Successful completion of board-approved courses in radiation safety and, within the last two years, courses in infection control, California dental law, and basic life support.

(4) Satisfactory performance on a written examination and a clinical or practical examination specified by the board. The board shall designate whether the written examination shall be administered by the committee or by the board-approved extended functions program.

(b) On and after January 1, 2010, the board shall license as a registered restorative assistant in extended functions a person who submits written evidence, satisfactory to the board, of all of the following:

(1) Completion of 12 months of satisfactory work experience as a dental assistant in California or another state. The board shall give credit toward the 12 months of work experience to persons who have graduated from a dental assisting program in a postsecondary institution, secondary institution, regional occupational center, or regional occupation program that are not approved by the board. The credit shall equal the total weeks spent in classroom training and internship on a week-for-week basis, not to exceed 16 weeks.

(2) Successful completion of a board-approved course in radiation safety, and, within the last two years, courses in infection control, California dental law, and basic life support.

(3) Successful completion of a postsecondary program approved by the board for restorative dental assisting specialty registration specified in subdivision (c) of Section 1750.3.

(4) Successful completion of an extended functions postsecondary program approved by the board in all of the procedures specified in Section 1753.1.

(5) Satisfactory performance on a written examination and a clinical or practical examination specified by the board. The board shall designate whether the written examination shall be administered by the committee or by the board-approved extended functions program.

(c) In approving extended functions postsecondary programs required to be completed for licensure pursuant to this section, the board shall require that the programs be taught by persons having prior experience teaching the applicable procedures specified in Section 1753.1, or procedures otherwise authorized by the board pursuant to Section 1751, in a dental school approved either by the Commission on Dental Accreditation or a comparable organization approved by the board. Approved programs shall include didactic, laboratory, and clinical modalities.

(d) The board may approve extended functions postsecondary programs referred to in this section prior to January 1, 2010, and the board shall recognize the completion of these approved programs prior to January 1, 2010.

SEC. 20.5. Section 1753 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1753. (a) On and after January 1, 2010, the board shall license as a registered dental assistant in extended functions a person who submits written evidence, satisfactory to the board, of all of the following:

(1) Current licensure as a registered dental assistant, or completion of the requirements for licensure as a registered dental assistant, as provided in Section 1752.5.

(2) Successful completion of either of the following:

(A) An extended functions postsecondary program approved by the board in all of the procedures specified in Section 1753.1.

(B) An extended functions postsecondary program approved by the board on or before July 1, 2009, to teach the duties that registered dental assistants in extended functions were allowed to perform pursuant to board regulations prior to January 1, 2010, and a course approved by the board in the procedures specified in paragraphs (8) through (13) of subdivision (b) of Section 1753.1.

(3) Successful completion of board-approved courses in radiation safety and, within the last two years, courses in infection control, California dental law, and basic life support.

(4) Satisfactory performance on a written examination and a clinical or practical examination specified by the board. The board shall designate whether the written examination shall be administered by the dental assisting committee.

(b) On and after January 1, 2010, the board shall license as a registered restorative assistant in extended functions a person who submits written evidence, satisfactory to the board, of all of the following:

(1) Completion of 12 months of satisfactory work experience as a dental assistant in California or another state. The board shall give credit toward the 12 months of work experience to persons who have graduated from a dental assisting program in a postsecondary institution, secondary institution, regional occupational center, or regional occupation program that are not approved by the board. The credit shall equal the total weeks spent in classroom training and internship on a week-for-week basis, not to exceed 16 weeks.

(2) Successful completion of a board-approved course in radiation safety, and, within the last two years, courses in infection control, California dental law, and basic life support.

(3) Successful completion of a postsecondary program approved by the board for restorative dental assisting specialty registration specified in subdivision (c) of Section 1750.3.

(4) Successful completion of an extended functions postsecondary program approved by the board in all of the procedures specified in Section 1753.1.

(5) Satisfactory performance on a written examination and a clinical or practical examination specified by the board. The board shall designate whether the written examination shall be administered by the dental assisting committee.

(c) In approving extended functions postsecondary programs required to be completed for licensure pursuant to this section, the board shall require that the programs be taught by persons having prior experience teaching the applicable procedures specified in Section 1753.1, or procedures otherwise authorized by the board pursuant to Section 1751, in a dental school approved either by the Commission on Dental Accreditation or a comparable organization approved by the board. Approved programs shall include didactic, laboratory, and clinical modalities.

(d) The board may approve extended functions postsecondary programs referred to in this section prior to January 1, 2010, and the board shall recognize the completion of these approved programs prior to January 1, 2010.

SEC. 21. Section 1753.1 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1753.1. (a) A registered dental assistant in extended functions licensed on or after January 1, 2010, is authorized to perform all duties and procedures that a registered dental assistant is authorized to perform, and those duties that the board may prescribe by regulation pursuant to Section 1751.

(b) A registered dental assistant in extended functions licensed on or after January 1, 2010, is authorized to perform the following additional procedures under direct supervision and pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of a licensed dentist:

- (1) Cord retraction of gingivae for impression procedures.
- (2) Taking impressions for cast restorations.
- (3) Formulating indirect patterns for endodontic post and core castings.
- (4) Fitting trial endodontic filling points.
- (5) Drying canals previously opened by the supervising dentist, with absorbent points.
- (6) Testing pulp vitality.
- (7) Removing excess cement from subgingival tooth surfaces with a hand instrument.
- (8) Fitting and cementing stainless steel crowns.
- (9) Placing, condensing, and carving amalgam restorations.
- (10) Placing class I, III, and V nonmetallic restorations.
- (11) Taking facebow transfers and bite registrations for fixed prostheses.
- (12) Taking final impressions for tooth-borne, removable prostheses.
- (13) Placing and adjusting permanent crowns for cementation by the dentist.
- (14) Applying etchants for bonding restorative materials.
- (15) Other procedures authorized by regulations adopted by the board pursuant to Section 1751.

(c) A registered restorative assistant in extended functions licensed on or after January 1, 2010, is authorized to perform all duties and procedures that a registered restorative assistant is authorized to perform, those duties that the board may prescribe by regulation pursuant to Section 1751, and the duties specified in subdivision (b) of this section.

(d) All procedures required to be performed under direct supervision shall be checked and approved by the supervising dentist prior to the patient's dismissal from the office.

SEC. 22. Section 1754 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1754. (a) By September 15, 1993, the board, upon recommendation of the committee and consistent with this article, standards of good dental practice, and the health and welfare of patients, shall adopt regulations relating to the functions that may be performed by registered dental assistants under direct or general supervision, and the settings within which registered dental assistants may work. At least once every seven years thereafter, the board shall review the list of functions performable by registered dental assistants, the supervision level, and settings under which they may be performed, and shall update the regulations as needed to keep them current with the state of the practice.

(b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 23. Section 1756 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1756. (a) The board shall license as a registered dental assistant in extended functions a person who satisfies all of the following requirements:

(1) Status as a registered dental assistant.

(2) Completion of clinical training approved by the board in a facility affiliated with a dental school under the direct supervision of the dental school faculty.

(3) Satisfactory performance on an examination required by the board.

(b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 24. Section 1757 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1757. (a) Each person who holds a license as a registered dental assistant in extended functions on the effective date of this section may only perform those procedures that a registered dental assistant is allowed to perform as specified in and limited by subdivision (b) of Section 1752.6, and the procedures listed in paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), and (14) of subdivision (b) of Section 1753.1, until he or she provides evidence of having completed a board-approved course or courses in the additional procedures specified in paragraphs (8) to (13) of subdivision (b) of Section 1753.1, and an examination in those additional procedures as specified by the board.

(b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010.

SEC. 25. Section 1770 of the Business and Professions Code, as amended by Section 22 of Chapter 621 of the Statutes of 2005, is amended to read:



1770. (a) A licensed dentist may simultaneously utilize in his or her practice no more than two dental auxiliaries in extended functions licensed pursuant to Sections 1756 and 1768.

(b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 25.5. Section 1770 of the Business and Professions Code, as amended by Section 22 of Chapter 621 of the Statutes of 2005, is amended to read:

1770. (a) A licensed dentist may simultaneously utilize in his or her practice no more than two dental assistants in extended functions or registered dental hygienists in extended functions licensed pursuant to Sections 1756 and 1918.

(b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 26. Section 1770 of the Business and Professions Code, as amended by Section 23 of Chapter 621 of the Statutes of 2005, is amended to read:

1770. (a) A licensed dentist may simultaneously utilize in his or her practice no more than three dental auxiliaries in extended functions licensed pursuant to Sections 1753 and 1768.

(b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010.

SEC. 26.5. Section 1770 of the Business and Professions Code, as amended by Section 23 of Chapter 621 of the Statutes of 2005, is amended to read:

1770. (a) A licensed dentist may simultaneously utilize in his or her practice no more than three dental assistants in extended functions or registered dental hygienists in extended functions licensed pursuant to Sections 1753 and 1918.

(b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010.

SEC. 27. Section 2177 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

2177. (a) A passing score is required for an entire examination or for each part of an examination, as established by resolution of the Division of Licensing.

(b) Applicants may elect to take the written examinations conducted or accepted by the division in separate parts.

(c) (1) An applicant shall have obtained a passing score on Part III of the United States Medical Licensing Examination within not more than four attempts in order to be eligible for a physician's and surgeon's certificate.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), an applicant who obtains a passing score on Part III of the United States Medical Licensing Examination in more than four attempts and who meets the requirements of Section 2135.5 shall be eligible to be considered for issuance of a physician's and surgeon's certificate.

SEC. 28. Section 2225 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

2225. (a) Notwithstanding Section 2263 and any other provision of law making a communication between a physician and surgeon or a doctor of podiatric medicine and his or her patients a privileged communication, those provisions shall not apply to investigations or proceedings conducted under this chapter. Members of the board, the Senior Assistant Attorney General of the Health Quality Enforcement Section, members of the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, and deputies, employees, agents, and representatives of the board or the California Board of Podiatric Medicine and the Senior Assistant Attorney General of the Health Quality Enforcement Section shall keep in confidence during the course of investigations, the names of any patients whose records are reviewed and may not disclose or reveal those names, except as is necessary during the course of an investigation, unless and until proceedings are instituted. The authority of the board or the California Board of Podiatric Medicine and the Health Quality Enforcement Section to examine records of patients in the office of a physician and surgeon or a doctor of podiatric medicine is limited to records of patients who have complained to the board or the California Board of Podiatric Medicine about that licensee.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Attorney General and his or her investigative agents, and investigators and representatives of the board or the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, may inquire into any alleged violation of the Medical Practice Act or any other federal or state law, regulation, or rule relevant to the practice of medicine or podiatric medicine, whichever is applicable, and may inspect documents relevant to those investigations in accordance with the following procedures:

(1) Any document relevant to an investigation may be inspected, and copies may be obtained, where patient consent is given.

(2) Any document relevant to the business operations of a licensee, and not involving medical records attributable to identifiable patients, may be inspected and copied where relevant to an investigation of a licensee.

(c) In all cases where documents are inspected or copies of those documents are received, their acquisition or review shall be arranged so as not to unnecessarily disrupt the medical and business operations of the licensee or of the facility where the records are kept or used.

(d) Where documents are lawfully requested from licensees in accordance with this section by the Attorney General or his or her agents or deputies, or investigators of the board or the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, they shall be provided within 15 business days of receipt of the request, unless the licensee is unable to provide the documents within this time period for good cause, including, but not limited to, physical inability to access the records in the time allowed due to illness or travel. Failure to produce requested documents or copies thereof, after being informed of the required deadline, shall constitute unprofessional conduct. The board may use its authority to cite and fine a physician and surgeon for any violation of this section. This remedy is in addition to any other authority of the board to sanction a licensee for a delay in producing requested records.

(e) Searches conducted of the office or medical facility of any licensee shall not interfere with the recordkeeping format or preservation needs of any licensee necessary for the lawful care of patients.

SEC. 29. Section 2313 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

2313. The Division of Medical Quality shall report annually to the Legislature, no later than October 1 of each year, the following information:

(a) The total number of temporary restraining orders or interim suspension orders sought by the board or the division to enjoin licensees pursuant to Sections 125.7, 125.8 and 2311, the circumstances in each case that prompted the board or division to seek that injunctive relief, and whether a restraining order or interim suspension order was actually issued.

(b) The total number and types of actions for unprofessional conduct taken by the board or a division against licensees, the number and types of actions taken against licensees for unprofessional conduct related to prescribing drugs, narcotics, or other controlled substances, including those related to the undertreatment or undermedication of pain.

(c) Information relative to the performance of the division, including the following: number of consumer calls received; number of consumer calls or letters designated as discipline-related complaints; number of complaint forms received; number of Section 805 reports by type; number of Section 801.01 and Section 803 reports; coroner reports received; number of convictions reported to the division; number of criminal filings reported to the division; number of complaints and referrals closed, referred out, or resolved without discipline, respectively, prior to accusation; number of accusations filed and final disposition of accusations through the division and court review, respectively; final physician discipline by category; number of citations issued with fines and without fines, and number of public reprimands issued; number of cases in process more than six months from receipt by the division of information concerning the relevant acts to the filing of an accusation; average and median time in processing complaints from original receipt of complaint by the division for all cases at each stage of discipline and court review, respectively; number of persons in diversion, and number successfully completing diversion programs and failing to do so, respectively; probation violation reports and probation revocation filings and dispositions; number of petitions for reinstatement and their dispositions; and caseloads of investigators for original cases and for probation cases, respectively.

“Action,” for purposes of this section, includes proceedings brought by, or on behalf of, the division against licensees for unprofessional conduct that have not been finally adjudicated, as well as disciplinary actions taken against licensees.

(d) The total number of reports received pursuant to Section 805 by the type of peer review body reporting and, where applicable, the type of health care facility involved and the total number and type of administrative or disciplinary actions taken by the Medical Board of California with respect to the reports.

(e) The number of malpractice settlements in excess of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) reported pursuant to Section 801.01. This information shall be grouped by specialty practice and shall include the total number of physicians and surgeons practicing in each specialty. For the purpose of this subdivision, “specialty” includes all specialties and subspecialties considered in determining the risk categories described in Section 803.1.

SEC. 30. Section 2335 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

2335. (a) All proposed decisions and interim orders of the Medical Quality Hearing Panel designated in Section 11371 of the Government Code shall be transmitted to the executive director of the board, or the Executive Director of the California Board of Podiatric Medicine as to the licensees of that board, within 48 hours of filing.

(b) All interim orders shall be final when filed.

(c) A proposed decision shall be acted upon by a panel of the Division of Medical Quality or the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, as the case may be, in accordance with Section 11517 of the Government Code, except that all of the following shall apply to proceedings against licensees under this chapter:

(1) When considering a proposed decision, the division panel and the California Board of Podiatric Medicine shall give great weight to the findings of fact of the administrative law judge, except to the extent those findings of fact are controverted by new evidence.

(2) The Division of Medical Quality or the California Board of Podiatric Medicine shall poll the members of the division panel or California Board of Podiatric Medicine by written mail ballot concerning the proposed decision. The mail ballot shall be sent within 10 calendar days of receipt of the proposed decision, and shall poll each member on whether the member votes to approve the decision, to approve the decision with an altered penalty, to refer the case back to the administrative law judge for the taking of additional evidence, to defer final decision pending discussion of the case by the panel or board as a whole, or to nonadopt the decision. No party to the proceeding, including employees of the agency that filed the accusation, and no person who has a direct or indirect interest in the outcome of the proceeding or who presided at a previous stage of the decision, may communicate directly or indirectly, upon the merits of a contested matter while the proceeding is pending, with any member of the panel or board, without notice and opportunity for all parties to participate in the communication. The votes of four members of a division panel, and a majority of the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, are required to approve the decision with an altered penalty, to refer the case back to the administrative law judge for the taking of further evidence, or to nonadopt the decision. The votes of two members of the panel or board are required to defer final decision pending discussion of the case by the panel or board as a whole. If there is a vote by the specified number to defer final decision pending discussion of the case by the panel or board as a whole, provision

shall be made for that discussion before the 100-day period specified in paragraph (3) expires, but in no event shall that 100-day period be extended.

(3) If four members of a division panel, or a majority of the California Board of Podiatric Medicine vote to do so, the panel of the division and the California Board of Podiatric Medicine shall issue an order of nonadoption of a proposed decision within 100 calendar days of the date it is received by the board. If a panel of the division or the California Board of Podiatric Medicine does not refer the case back to the administrative law judge for the taking of additional evidence or issue an order of nonadoption within 100 days, the decision shall be final and subject to review under Section 2337. Members of a panel of the division or the California Board of Podiatric Medicine who review a proposed decision or other matter and vote by mail as provided in paragraph (2) shall return their votes by mail to the board within 30 days from receipt of the proposed decision or other matter.

(4) The division panel or California Board of Podiatric Medicine shall afford the parties the opportunity to present oral argument before deciding a case after nonadoption of the administrative law judge's decision.

(5) A vote of four members of a division panel, or a majority of the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, are required to increase the penalty from that contained in the proposed administrative law judge's decision. No member of the division panel or of the California Board of Podiatric Medicine may vote to increase the penalty except after reading the entire record and personally hearing any additional oral argument and evidence presented to the panel or board.

SEC. 30.5. Section 2335 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

2335. (a) All proposed decisions and interim orders of the Medical Quality Hearing Panel designated in Section 11371 of the Government Code shall be transmitted to the executive director of the board, or the Executive Director of the California Board of Podiatric Medicine as to the licensees of that board, within 48 hours of filing.

(b) All interim orders shall be final when filed.

(c) A proposed decision shall be acted upon by the board or by any panel appointed pursuant to Section 2008 or by the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, as the case may be, in accordance with Section 11517 of the Government Code, except that all of the following shall apply to proceedings against licensees under this chapter:

(1) When considering a proposed decision, the board or panel and the California Board of Podiatric Medicine shall give great weight to the findings of fact of the administrative law judge, except to the extent those findings of fact are controverted by new evidence.

(2) The board's staff or the staff of the California Board of Podiatric Medicine shall poll the members of the board or panel or of the California Board of Podiatric Medicine by written mail ballot concerning the proposed decision. The mail ballot shall be sent within 10 calendar days of receipt of the proposed decision, and shall poll each member on whether the member votes to approve the decision, to approve the decision with an altered penalty,

to refer the case back to the administrative law judge for the taking of additional evidence, to defer final decision pending discussion of the case by the panel or board as a whole, or to nonadopt the decision. No party to the proceeding, including employees of the agency that filed the accusation, and no person who has a direct or indirect interest in the outcome of the proceeding or who presided at a previous stage of the decision, may communicate directly or indirectly, upon the merits of a contested matter while the proceeding is pending, with any member of the panel or board, without notice and opportunity for all parties to participate in the communication. The votes of a majority of the board or of the panel, and a majority of the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, are required to approve the decision with an altered penalty, to refer the case back to the administrative law judge for the taking of further evidence, or to nonadopt the decision. The votes of two members of the panel or board are required to defer final decision pending discussion of the case by the panel or board as a whole. If there is a vote by the specified number to defer final decision pending discussion of the case by the panel or board as a whole, provision shall be made for that discussion before the 100-day period specified in paragraph (3) expires, but in no event shall that 100-day period be extended.

(3) If a majority of the board or of the panel, or a majority of the California Board of Podiatric Medicine vote to do so, the board or the panel or the California Board of Podiatric Medicine shall issue an order of nonadoption of a proposed decision within 100 calendar days of the date it is received by the board. If the board or the panel or the California Board of Podiatric Medicine does not refer the case back to the administrative law judge for the taking of additional evidence or issue an order of nonadoption within 100 days, the decision shall be final and subject to review under Section 2337. Members of the board or of any panel or of the California Board of Podiatric Medicine who review a proposed decision or other matter and vote by mail as provided in paragraph (2) shall return their votes by mail to the board within 30 days from receipt of the proposed decision or other matter.

(4) The board or the panel or the California Board of Podiatric Medicine shall afford the parties the opportunity to present oral argument before deciding a case after nonadoption of the administrative law judge's decision.

(5) A vote of a majority of the board or of a panel, or a majority of the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, are required to increase the penalty from that contained in the proposed administrative law judge's decision. No member of the board or panel or of the California Board of Podiatric Medicine may vote to increase the penalty except after reading the entire record and personally hearing any additional oral argument and evidence presented to the panel or board.

SEC. 31. Section 2416 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

2416. Physicians and surgeons and doctors of podiatric medicine may conduct their professional practices in a partnership or group of physician and surgeons or a partnership or group of doctors of podiatric medicine,

respectively. Physician and surgeons and doctors of podiatric medicine may establish a professional partnership that includes both physician and surgeons and doctors of podiatric medicine, if both of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) A majority of the partners and partnership interests in the professional partnership are physician and surgeons or osteopathic physician and surgeons.

(b) Notwithstanding Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 15001) of Title 1 of the Corporations Code, a partner who is not a physician and surgeon shall not practice in the partnership or vote on partnership matters related to the practice of medicine that are outside his or her scope of practice. All partners may vote on general administrative, management, and business matters.

SEC. 32. Section 2471 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

2471. Except as provided by Section 159.5, the board may employ, within the limits of the funds received by the board, all personnel necessary to carry out this chapter.

SEC. 33. Section 2497.5 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

2497.5. (a) The board may request the administrative law judge, under his or her proposed decision in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the board, to direct any licensee found guilty of unprofessional conduct to pay to the board a sum not to exceed the actual and reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of the case.

(b) The costs to be assessed shall be fixed by the administrative law judge and shall not in any event be increased by the board. When the board does not adopt a proposed decision and remands the case to an administrative law judge, the administrative law judge shall not increase the amount of any costs assessed in the proposed decision.

(c) When the payment directed in the board's order for payment of costs is not made by the licensee, the board may enforce the order for payment by bringing an action in any appropriate court. This right of enforcement shall be in addition to any other rights the board may have as to any licensee directed to pay costs.

(d) In any judicial action for the recovery of costs, proof of the board's decision shall be conclusive proof of the validity of the order of payment and the terms for payment.

(e) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the board shall not renew or reinstate the license of any licensee who has failed to pay all of the costs ordered under this section.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the board may, in its discretion, conditionally renew or reinstate for a maximum of one year the license of any licensee who demonstrates financial hardship and who enters into a formal agreement with the board to reimburse the board within that one year period for those unpaid costs.

(f) All costs recovered under this section shall be deposited in the Board of Podiatric Medicine Fund as a reimbursement in either the fiscal year in which the costs are actually recovered or the previous fiscal year, as the board may direct.

SEC. 34. Section 2570.7 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

2570.7. (a) An applicant who has satisfied the requirements of Section 2570.6 may apply for examination for licensure or certification in a manner prescribed by the board. Subject to the provisions of this chapter, an applicant who fails an examination may apply for reexamination.

(b) Each applicant for licensure or certification shall successfully complete the entry level certification examination for occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants approved by the board, such as the examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy or by another nationally recognized credentialing body. The examination shall be appropriately validated. Each applicant shall be examined by written examination to test his or her knowledge of the basic and clinical sciences relating to occupational therapy, occupational therapy techniques and methods, and any other subjects that the board may require to determine the applicant's fitness to practice under this chapter.

(c) Applicants for licensure or certification shall be examined at a time and place and under that supervision as the board may require.

SEC. 35. Section 2570.8 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

2570.8. For the purposes of verifying a license issued under this chapter, a person may rely on the licensure information posted on the board's Internet Web site, which includes the issuance and expiration dates of a license issued by the board.

SEC. 36. Section 2717 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

2717. (a) The board shall collect and analyze workforce data from its licensees for future workforce planning. The board may collect the data at the time of license renewal or from a scientifically selected random sample of its licensees. The board shall produce reports on the workforce data it collects, at a minimum, on a biennial basis. The board shall maintain the confidentiality of the information it receives from licensees under this section and shall only release information in an aggregate form that cannot be used to identify an individual. The workforce data collected by the board shall include, at a minimum, employment information such as hours of work, number of positions held, time spent in direct patient care, clinical practice area, type of employer, and work location. The data shall also include future work intentions, reasons for leaving or reentering nursing, job satisfaction ratings, and demographic data.

(b) Aggregate information collected pursuant to this section shall be placed on the board's Internet Web site.

(c) The board is authorized to expend the sum of one hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$145,000) from the Board of Registered Nursing Fund in



the Professions and Vocations Fund for the purpose of implementing this section.

(d) This section shall be implemented by the board on or before July 1, 2003.

SEC. 37. Section 2732.05 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

2732.05. (a) Every employer of a registered nurse, every employer of a registered nurse required to hold any board-issued certification, and every person acting as an agent for such a nurse in obtaining employment, shall ascertain that the nurse is currently authorized to practice as a registered nurse or as a registered nurse pursuant to a board-issued certification within the provisions of this chapter. As used in this section, “board-issued certification” includes, but is not limited to, certification as a nurse practitioner, nurse practitioner with a furnishing number, nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife, nurse midwife with a furnishing number, public health nurse, clinical nurse specialist, or board listed psychiatric mental health nurse.

(b) Every employer of a temporary licensee or interim permittee and every person acting as an agent for a temporary licensee or interim permittee in obtaining employment shall ascertain that the person is currently authorized to practice as a temporary licensee or interim permittee.

(c) As used in this section, the term “agent” includes, but is not limited to, a nurses registry and a traveling nurse agency.

Examination by an employer or agent of evidence satisfactory to the board showing the nurse’s, licensee’s, or permittee’s current authority to practice under this chapter, prior to employment, shall constitute a determination of authority to so practice.

Nothing in this section shall apply to a patient, or other person acting for a specific patient, who engages the services of a registered nurse or temporary licensee to provide nursing care to a single patient.

SEC. 38. Section 3057 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

3057. (a) The board may issue a license to practice optometry to a person who meets all of the following requirements:

(1) Has a degree as a doctor of optometry issued by an accredited school or college of optometry.

(2) Has successfully passed the licensing examination for an optometric license in another state.

(3) Submits proof that he or she is licensed in good standing as of the date of application in every state where he or she holds a license, including compliance with continuing education requirements.

(4) Submits proof that he or she has been in active practice in a state in which he or she is licensed for a total of at least 5,000 hours in five of the seven consecutive years immediately preceding the date of his or her application under this section.

(5) Is not subject to disciplinary action as set forth in subdivision (h) of Section 3110. If the person has been subject to disciplinary action, the board shall review that action to determine if it presents sufficient evidence of a

violation of this chapter to warrant the submission of additional information from the person or the denial of the application for licensure.

(6) Has furnished a signed release allowing the disclosure of information from the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank and, if applicable, the verification of registration status with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration. The board shall review this information to determine if it presents sufficient evidence of a violation of this chapter to warrant the submission of additional information from the person or the denial of the application for licensure.

(7) Has never had his or her license to practice optometry revoked or suspended.

(8) Is not subject to denial of an application for licensure based on any of the grounds listed in Section 480.

(9) Has met the minimum continuing education requirements set forth in Section 3059 for the current and preceding year.

(10) Has met the certification requirements of Section 3041.3 to use therapeutic pharmaceutical agents under subdivision (e) of Section 3041.

(11) Submits any other information as specified by the board to the extent it is required for licensure by examination under this chapter.

(12) Files an application on a form prescribed by the board, with an acknowledgment by the person executed under penalty of perjury and automatic forfeiture of license, of the following:

(A) That the information provided by the person to the board is true and correct, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief.

(B) That the person has not been convicted of an offense involving conduct that would violate Section 810.

(13) Pays an application fee in an amount equal to the application fee prescribed pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 3152.

(14) Has successfully passed the board's jurisprudence examination.

(b) If the board finds that the competency of a candidate for licensure pursuant to this section is in question, the board may require the passage of a written, practical, or clinical exam or completion of additional continuing education or coursework.

(c) In cases where the person establishes, to the board's satisfaction, that he or she has been displaced by a federally declared emergency and cannot relocate to his or her state of practice within a reasonable time without economic hardship, the board is authorized to do both of the following:

(1) Approve an application where the person's time in active practice is less than that specified in paragraph (4) of subdivision (a), if a sufficient period in active practice can be verified by the board and all other requirements of subdivision (a) are satisfied by the person.

(2) Reduce or waive the fees required by paragraph (13) of subdivision (a).

(d) Any license issued pursuant to this section shall expire as provided in Section 3146, and may be renewed as provided in this chapter, subject to the same conditions as other licenses issued under this chapter.

(e) The term “in good standing,” as used in this section, means that a person under this section:

(1) Is not currently under investigation nor has been charged with an offense for any act substantially related to the practice of optometry by any public agency, nor entered into any consent agreement or subject to an administrative decision that contains conditions placed by an agency upon a person’s professional conduct or practice, including any voluntary surrender of license, nor been the subject of an adverse judgment resulting from the practice of optometry that the board determines constitutes evidence of a pattern of incompetence or negligence.

(2) Has no physical or mental impairment related to drugs or alcohol, and has not been found mentally incompetent by a physician so that the person is unable to undertake the practice of optometry in a manner consistent with the safety of a patient or the public.

SEC. 39. Section 3527 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

3527. (a) The committee may order the denial of an application for, or the issuance subject to terms and conditions of, or the suspension or revocation of, or the imposition of probationary conditions upon a physician assistant license after a hearing as required in Section 3528 for unprofessional conduct that includes, but is not limited to, a violation of this chapter, a violation of the Medical Practice Act, or a violation of the regulations adopted by the committee or the board.

(b) The committee may order the denial of an application for, or the suspension or revocation of, or the imposition of probationary conditions upon, an approved program after a hearing as required in Section 3528 for a violation of this chapter or the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

(c) The board may order the denial of an application for, or the issuance subject to terms and conditions of, or the suspension or revocation of, or the imposition of probationary conditions upon, an approval to supervise a physician assistant, after a hearing as required in Section 3528, for unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, a violation of this chapter, a violation of the Medical Practice Act, or a violation of the regulations adopted by the committee or the board.

(d) Notwithstanding subdivision (c), the Division of Medical Quality of the Medical Board of California, in conjunction with an action it has commenced against a physician and surgeon, may, in its own discretion and without the concurrence of the board, order the suspension or revocation of, or the imposition of probationary conditions upon, an approval to supervise a physician assistant, after a hearing as required in Section 3528, for unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, a violation of this chapter, a violation of the Medical Practice Act, or a violation of the regulations adopted by the committee or the board.

(e) The committee may order the denial of an application for, or the suspension or revocation of, or the imposition of probationary conditions upon, a physician assistant license, after a hearing as required in Section 3528 for unprofessional conduct that includes, except for good cause, the

knowing failure of a licensee to protect patients by failing to follow infection control guidelines of the committee, thereby risking transmission of blood-borne infectious diseases from licensee to patient, from patient to patient, and from patient to licensee. In administering this subdivision, the committee shall consider referencing the standards, regulations, and guidelines of the State Department of Public Health developed pursuant to Section 1250.11 of the Health and Safety Code and the standards, regulations, and guidelines pursuant to the California Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973 (Part 1 (commencing with Section 6300) of Division 5 of the Labor Code) for preventing the transmission of HIV, hepatitis B, and other blood-borne pathogens in health care settings. As necessary, the committee shall consult with the California Medical Board, the Board of Podiatric Medicine, the Board of Dental Examiners, the Board of Registered Nursing, and the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians, to encourage appropriate consistency in the implementation of this subdivision.

The committee shall seek to ensure that licensees are informed of the responsibility of licensees and others to follow infection control guidelines, and of the most recent scientifically recognized safeguards for minimizing the risk of transmission of blood-borne infectious diseases.

(f) The committee may order the licensee to pay the costs of monitoring the probationary conditions imposed on the license.

SEC. 40. Section 3530 of the Business and Professions Code is repealed.

SEC. 41. Section 3530 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

3530. (a) A person whose license or approval has been revoked or suspended, or who has been placed on probation, may petition the committee for reinstatement or modification of penalty, including modification or termination of probation, after a period of not less than the following minimum periods has elapsed from the effective date of the decision ordering that disciplinary action:

(1) At least three years for reinstatement of a license or approval revoked for unprofessional conduct, except that the committee may, for good cause shown, specify in a revocation order that a petition for reinstatement may be filed after two years.

(2) At least two years for early termination of probation of three years or more.

(3) At least one year for modification of a condition, or reinstatement of a license or approval revoked for mental or physical illness, or termination of probation of less than three years.

(b) The petition shall state any facts as may be required by the board. The petition shall be accompanied by at least two verified recommendations from physicians licensed either by the Medical Board of California or the Osteopathic Medical Board who have personal knowledge of the activities of the petitioner since the disciplinary penalty was imposed.

(c) The petition may be heard by the committee. The committee may assign the petition to an administrative law judge designated in Section

11371 of the Government Code. After a hearing on the petition, the administrative law judge shall provide a proposed decision to the committee that shall be acted upon in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

(d) The committee or the administrative law judge hearing the petition, may consider all activities of the petitioner since the disciplinary action was taken, the offense for which the petitioner was disciplined, the petitioner's activities during the time the license was in good standing, and the petitioner's rehabilitative efforts, general reputation for truth, and professional ability. The hearing may be continued, as the committee or administrative law judge finds necessary.

(e) The committee or administrative law judge, when hearing a petition for reinstating a license or approval or modifying a penalty, may recommend the imposition of any terms and conditions deemed necessary.

(f) No petition shall be considered while the petitioner is under sentence for any criminal offense, including any period during which the petitioner is on court-imposed probation or parole. No petition shall be considered while there is an accusation or petition to revoke probation pending against the person. The committee may deny, without a hearing or argument, any petition filed pursuant to this section within a period of two years from the effective date of the prior decision following a hearing under this section.

(g) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to alter Sections 822 and 823.

SEC. 42. Section 3634 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

3634. A license issued under this chapter shall be subject to renewal biennially as prescribed by the bureau and shall expire unless renewed in that manner. The bureau may provide by regulation for the late renewal of a license.

SEC. 43. Section 4068 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4068. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, a prescriber may dispense a dangerous drug, including a controlled substance, to an emergency room patient if all of the following apply:

(1) The hospital pharmacy is closed and there is no pharmacist available in the hospital.

(2) The dangerous drug is acquired by the hospital pharmacy.

(3) The dispensing information is recorded and provided to the pharmacy when the pharmacy reopens.

(4) The hospital pharmacy retains the dispensing information and, if the drug is a schedule II, schedule III, or schedule IV controlled substance, reports the dispensing information to the Department of Justice pursuant to Section 11165 of the Health and Safety Code.

(5) The prescriber determines that it is in the best interest of the patient that a particular drug regimen be immediately commenced or continued, and the prescriber reasonably believes that a pharmacy located outside the hospital is not available and accessible at the time of dispensing to the patient.

(6) The quantity of drugs dispensed to any patient pursuant to this section are limited to that amount necessary to maintain uninterrupted therapy during the period when pharmacy services outside the hospital are not readily available or accessible, but shall not exceed a 72-hour supply.

(7) The prescriber shall ensure that the label on the drug contains all the information required by Section 4076.

(b) The prescriber shall be responsible for any error or omission related to the drugs dispensed.

SEC. 44. Section 4084 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4084. (a) When a board inspector finds, or has probable cause to believe, that any dangerous drug or dangerous device is adulterated, misbranded, or counterfeit, the board inspector shall affix a tag or other marking to that dangerous drug or dangerous device. The board inspector shall give notice to the person that the dangerous drug or dangerous device bearing the tag or marking has been embargoed.

(b) When a board inspector has found that an embargoed dangerous drug or dangerous device is not adulterated, misbranded, or counterfeit, a board inspector shall remove the tag or other marking.

(c) A board inspector may secure a sample or specimen of a dangerous drug or dangerous device. If the board inspector obtains a sample prior to leaving the premises, the board inspector shall leave a receipt describing the sample.

(d) For the purposes of this article, “counterfeit” shall have the meaning defined in Section 109905 of the Health and Safety Code.

(e) For the purposes of this article, “adulterated” shall have the meaning defined in Article 2 (commencing with Section 111250) of Chapter 6 of Part 5 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code.

(f) For the purposes of this article, “misbranded” shall have the meaning defined in Article 3 (commencing with Section 111330) of Chapter 6 of Part 5 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code.

SEC. 45. Section 4101 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4101. (a) A pharmacist who takes charge of, or acts as pharmacist-in-charge of a pharmacy or other entity licensed by the board, who terminates his or her employment at the pharmacy or other entity, shall notify the board within 30 days of the termination of employment.

(b) A designated representative-in-charge of a wholesaler or veterinary food drug-animal retailer, who terminates his or her employment at that entity shall notify the board within 30 days of the termination of employment.

SEC. 46. Section 4160 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4160. (a) A person may not act as a wholesaler of any dangerous drug or dangerous device unless he or she has obtained a license from the board.

(b) Upon approval by the board and the payment of the required fee, the board shall issue a license to the applicant.

(c) A separate license shall be required for each place of business owned or operated by a wholesaler. Each license shall be renewed annually and shall not be transferable.

(d) The board shall not issue or renew a wholesaler license until the wholesaler identifies a designated representative-in-charge and notifies the board in writing of the identity and license number of that designated representative. The designated representative-in-charge shall be responsible for the wholesaler's compliance with state and federal laws governing wholesalers. A wholesaler shall identify and notify the board of a new designated representative-in-charge within 30 days of the date that the prior designated representative-in-charge ceases to be the designated representative-in-charge. A pharmacist may be identified as the designated representative-in-charge.

(e) A drug manufacturer premises licensed by the Food and Drug Administration or licensed pursuant to Section 111615 of the Health and Safety Code that only distributes dangerous drugs and dangerous devices of its own manufacture is exempt from this section and Section 4161.

(f) The board may issue a temporary license, upon conditions and for periods of time as the board determines to be in the public interest. A temporary license fee shall be five hundred fifty dollars (\$550) or another amount established by the board not to exceed the annual fee for renewal of a license to compound injectable sterile drug products. When needed to protect public safety, a temporary license may be issued for a period not to exceed 180 days, subject to terms and conditions that the board deems necessary. If the board determines that a temporary license was issued by mistake or denies the application for a permanent license, the temporary license shall terminate upon either personal service of the notice of termination upon the licenseholder or service by certified mail, return receipt requested, at the licenseholder's address of record with the board, whichever occurs first. Neither for purposes of retaining a temporary license, nor for purposes of any disciplinary or license denial proceeding before the board, shall the temporary licenseholder be deemed to have a vested property right or interest in the license.

(g) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2006.

SEC. 47. Section 4161 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4161. (a) A person located outside this state that ships, mails, or delivers dangerous drugs or dangerous devices into this state shall be considered a nonresident wholesaler.

(b) A nonresident wholesaler shall be licensed by the board prior to shipping, mailing, or delivering dangerous drugs or dangerous devices to a site located in this state.

(c) A separate license shall be required for each place of business owned or operated by a nonresident wholesaler from or through which dangerous drugs or dangerous devices are shipped, mailed, or delivered to a site located in this state. A license shall be renewed annually and shall not be transferable.

(d) The following information shall be reported, in writing, to the board at the time of initial application for licensure by a nonresident wholesaler, on renewal of a nonresident wholesaler license, or within 30 days of a change in that information:

- (1) Its agent for service of process in this state.
- (2) Its principal corporate officers, as specified by the board, if any.
- (3) Its general partners, as specified by the board, if any.
- (4) Its owners if the applicant is not a corporation or partnership.

(e) A report containing the information in subdivision (d) shall be made within 30 days of any change of ownership, office, corporate officer, or partner.

(f) A nonresident wholesaler shall comply with all directions and requests for information from the regulatory or licensing agency of the state in which it is licensed, as well as with all requests for information made by the board.

(g) A nonresident wholesaler shall maintain records of dangerous drugs and dangerous devices sold, traded, or transferred to persons in this state, so that the records are in a readily retrievable form.

(h) A nonresident wholesaler shall at all times maintain a valid, unexpired license, permit, or registration to conduct the business of the wholesaler in compliance with the laws of the state in which it is a resident. An application for a nonresident wholesaler license in this state shall include a license verification from the licensing authority in the applicant's state of residence.

(i) The board may not issue or renew a nonresident wholesaler license until the nonresident wholesaler identifies a designated representative-in-charge and notifies the board in writing of the identity and license number of the designated representative-in-charge.

(j) The designated representative-in-charge shall be responsible for the nonresident wholesaler's compliance with state and federal laws governing wholesalers. A nonresident wholesaler shall identify and notify the board of a new designated representative-in-charge within 30 days of the date that the prior designated representative-in-charge ceases to be the designated representative-in-charge.

(k) The board may issue a temporary license, upon conditions and for periods of time as the board determines to be in the public interest. A temporary license fee shall be five hundred fifty dollars (\$550) or another amount established by the board not to exceed the annual fee for renewal of a license to compound injectable sterile drug products. When needed to protect public safety, a temporary license may be issued for a period not to exceed 180 days, subject to terms and conditions that the board deems necessary. If the board determines that a temporary license was issued by mistake or denies the application for a permanent license, the temporary license shall terminate upon either personal service of the notice of termination upon the licenseholder or service by certified mail, return receipt requested, at the licenseholder's address of record with the board, whichever occurs first. Neither for purposes of retaining a temporary license, nor for purposes of any disciplinary or license denial proceeding before the board,



shall the temporary licenseholder be deemed to have a vested property right or interest in the license.

(l) The registration fee shall be the fee specified in subdivision (f) of Section 4400.

SEC. 48. Section 4162 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4162. (a) (1) An applicant, that is not a government-owned and operated wholesaler, for the issuance or renewal of a wholesaler license shall submit a surety bond of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or other equivalent means of security acceptable to the board payable to the Pharmacy Board Contingent Fund. The purpose of the surety bond is to secure payment of any administrative fine imposed by the board and any cost recovery ordered pursuant to Section 125.3.

(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), the board may accept a surety bond less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) if the annual gross receipts of the previous tax year for the wholesaler is ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) or less, in which case the surety bond shall be twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

(3) A person to whom an approved new drug application has been issued by the United States Food and Drug Administration who engages in the wholesale distribution of only the dangerous drug specified in the new drug application, and is licensed or applies for licensure as a wholesaler, shall not be required to post a surety bond as provided in paragraph (1).

(4) For licensees subject to paragraph (2) or (3), the board may require a bond up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for any licensee who has been disciplined by any state or federal agency or has been issued an administrative fine pursuant to this chapter.

(b) The board may make a claim against the bond if the licensee fails to pay a fine within 30 days after the order imposing the fine, or costs become final.

(c) A single surety bond or other equivalent means of security acceptable to the board shall satisfy the requirement of subdivision (a) for all licensed sites under common control as defined in Section 4126.5.

(d) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2006, and shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2015, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2015, deletes or extends those dates.

SEC. 49. Section 4162.5 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4162.5. (a) (1) An applicant for the issuance or renewal of a nonresident wholesaler license shall submit a surety bond of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), or other equivalent means of security acceptable to the board, such as an irrevocable letter of credit, or a deposit in a trust account or financial institution, payable to the Pharmacy Board Contingent Fund. The purpose of the surety bond is to secure payment of any administrative fine imposed by the board and any cost recovery ordered pursuant to Section 125.3.

(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), the board may accept a surety bond less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) if the annual gross receipts of the previous tax year for the nonresident wholesaler is ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) or less in which the surety bond shall be twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

(3) For applicants who satisfy paragraph (2), the board may require a bond up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for any nonresident wholesaler who has been disciplined by any state or federal agency or has been issued an administrative fine pursuant to this chapter.

(4) A person to whom an approved new drug application or a biologics license application has been issued by the United States Food and Drug Administration who engages in the wholesale distribution of only the dangerous drug specified in the new drug application or biologics license application, and is licensed or applies for licensure as a nonresident wholesaler, shall not be required to post a surety bond as provided in this section.

(b) The board may make a claim against the bond if the licensee fails to pay a fine within 30 days of the issuance of the fine or when the costs become final.

(c) A single surety bond or other equivalent means of security acceptable to the board shall satisfy the requirement of subdivision (a) for all licensed sites under common control as defined in Section 4126.5.

(d) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2006, and shall become inoperative and is repealed on, January 1, 2015, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2015, deletes or extends those dates.

SEC. 50. Section 4200 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4200. (a) The board may license as a pharmacist an applicant who meets all the following requirements:

(1) Is at least 18 years of age.

(2) (A) Has graduated from a college of pharmacy or department of pharmacy of a university recognized by the board; or

(B) If the applicant graduated from a foreign pharmacy school, the foreign-educated applicant has been certified by the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee.

(3) Has completed at least 150 semester units of collegiate study in the United States, or the equivalent thereof in a foreign country. No less than 90 of those semester units shall have been completed while in resident attendance at a school or college of pharmacy.

(4) Has earned at least a baccalaureate degree in a course of study devoted to the practice of pharmacy.

(5) Has completed 1,500 hours of pharmacy practice experience or the equivalent in accordance with Section 4209.

(6) Has passed a written and practical examination given by the board prior to December 31, 2003, or has passed the North American Pharmacist

Licensure Examination and the California Practice Standards and Jurisprudence Examination for Pharmacists on or after January 1, 2004.

(b) Proof of the qualifications of an applicant for licensure as a pharmacist, shall be made to the satisfaction of the board and shall be substantiated by affidavits or other evidence as may be required by the board.

(c) Each person, upon application for licensure as a pharmacist under this chapter, shall pay to the executive officer of the board, the fees provided by this chapter. The fees shall be compensation to the board for investigation or examination of the applicant.

SEC. 51. Section 4200.1 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4200.1. (a) Notwithstanding Section 135, an applicant may take the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination four times, and may take the California Practice Standards and Jurisprudence Examination for Pharmacists four times.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 135, an applicant may take the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination and the California Practice Standards and Jurisprudence Examination for Pharmacists four additional times each if he or she successfully completes, at minimum, 16 additional semester units of education in pharmacy as approved by the board.

(c) The applicant shall comply with the requirements of Section 4200 for each application for reexamination made pursuant to subdivision (b).

(d) An applicant may use the same coursework to satisfy the additional educational requirement for each examination under subdivision (b), if the coursework was completed within 12 months of the date of his or her application for reexamination.

(e) For purposes of this section, the board shall treat each failing score on the pharmacist licensure examination administered by the board prior to January 1, 2004, as a failing score on both the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination and the California Practice Standards and Jurisprudence Examination for Pharmacists.

(f) From January 1, 2004, to July 1, 2008, inclusive, the board shall collect data on the applicants who are admitted to, and take, the licensure examinations required by Section 4200. The board shall report to the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Consumer Protection before September 1, 2008, regarding the impact on those applicants of the examination limitations imposed by this section. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

(1) The number of applicants taking the examination and the number who fail the examination for the fourth time.

(2) The number of applicants who, after failing the examination for the fourth time, complete a pharmacy studies program in California or another state to satisfy the requirements of this section and who apply to take the licensure examination required by Section 4200.

(3) To the extent possible, the school from which the applicant graduated and the school's location and the pass/fail rates on the examination for each school.

(g) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 51.5. Section 4200.1 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4200.1. (a) Notwithstanding Section 135, an applicant may take the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination four times, and may take the California Practice Standards and Jurisprudence Examination for Pharmacists four times.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 135, an applicant may take the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination and the California Practice Standards and Jurisprudence Examination for Pharmacists four additional times each if he or she successfully completes, at minimum, 16 additional semester units of education in pharmacy as approved by the board.

(c) The applicant shall comply with the requirements of Section 4200 for each application for reexamination made pursuant to subdivision (b).

(d) An applicant may use the same coursework to satisfy the additional educational requirement for each examination under subdivision (b), if the coursework was completed within 12 months of the date of his or her application for reexamination.

(e) For purposes of this section, the board shall treat each failing score on the pharmacist licensure examination administered by the board prior to January 1, 2004, as a failing score on both the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination and the California Practice Standards and Jurisprudence Examination for Pharmacists.

(f) From January 1, 2004, to July 1, 2008, inclusive, the board shall collect data on the applicants who are admitted to, and take, the licensure examinations required by Section 4200. The board shall report to the Legislature and the Office of the Consumer Advocate before September 1, 2008, regarding the impact on those applicants of the examination limitations imposed by this section. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

(1) The number of applicants taking the examination and the number who fail the examination for the fourth time.

(2) The number of applicants who, after failing the examination for the fourth time, complete a pharmacy studies program in California or another state to satisfy the requirements of this section and who apply to take the licensure examination required by Section 4200.

(3) To the extent possible, the school from which the applicant graduated and the school's location and the pass/fail rates on the examination for each school.

(g) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 52. Section 4200.2 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4200.2. When developing the California Practice Standards and Jurisprudence Examination for Pharmacists, the board shall include all of the following:

(a) Examination items to demonstrate the candidate's proficiency in patient communication skills.

(b) Aspects of contemporary standards of practice for pharmacists in California, including, but not limited to, the provision of pharmacist care and the application of clinical knowledge to typical pharmacy practice situations that are not evaluated by the North American Pharmacy Licensure Examination.

SEC. 53. Section 4208 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4208. (a) At the discretion of the board, an intern pharmacist license may be issued for a period of:

(1) One to six years to a person who is currently enrolled in a school of pharmacy recognized by the board.

(2) Two years to a person who is a graduate of a school of pharmacy recognized by the board and who has applied to become licensed as a pharmacist in California.

(3) Two years to a foreign graduate who has met educational requirements described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 4200.

(4) One year to a person who has failed the pharmacist licensure examination four times and has reenrolled in a school of pharmacy to satisfy the requirements of Section 4200.1.

(b) The board may issue an intern pharmacist license to an individual for the period of time specified in a decision of reinstatement adopted by the board.

(c) An intern pharmacist shall notify the board within 30 days of any change of address.

(d) An intern pharmacist whose license has been issued pursuant to paragraph (1) or (4) of subdivision (a) shall return his or her license, by registered mail, within 30 days of no longer being enrolled in a school of pharmacy. The intern pharmacist license shall be canceled by the board. Notwithstanding subdivision (c), an intern pharmacist license may be reinstated if the student reenrolls in a school of pharmacy recognized by the board to fulfill the education requirements of paragraphs (1) to (4), inclusive, of subdivision (a) of Section 4200.

(e) A person who has not completed the experience requirements necessary to be eligible for the licensure examination may have his or her intern license extended for a period of up to two years at the discretion of the board if he or she is able to demonstrate his or her inability to exercise the privileges of the intern license during the initial license period.

SEC. 54. Section 4314 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4314. (a) The board may issue citations containing fines and orders of abatement for any violation of Section 733, for any violation of this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter, or for any violation of Division 116 (commencing with Section 150200) of the Health and Safety Code, in accordance with Sections 125.9, 148, and 4005 and the regulations adopted pursuant to those sections.

(b) Where appropriate, a citation issued by the board, as specified in this section, may subject the person or entity to whom the citation is issued to an administrative fine.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, where appropriate, a citation issued by the board may contain an order of abatement. The order of abatement shall fix a reasonable time for abatement of the violation. It may also require the person or entity to whom the citation is issued to demonstrate how future compliance with the Pharmacy Law, and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto, will be accomplished. A demonstration may include, but is not limited to, submission of a corrective action plan, and requiring completion of up to six hours of continuing education courses in the subject matter specified in the order of abatement. Any continuing education courses required by the order of abatement shall be in addition to those required for license renewal.

(d) Nothing in this section shall in any way limit the board from issuing a citation, fine, and order of abatement pursuant to Section 4067 or Section 56.36 of the Civil Code, and the regulations adopted pursuant to those sections.

SEC. 55. Section 4315 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4315. (a) The executive officer, or his or her designee, may issue a letter of admonishment to a licensee for failure to comply with Section 733, for failure to comply with this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter, or for failure to comply with Division 116 (commencing with Section 150200) of the Health and Safety Code, directing the licensee to come into compliance.

(b) The letter of admonishment shall be in writing and shall describe in detail the nature and facts of the violation, including a reference to the statutes or regulations violated.

(c) The letter of admonishment shall inform the licensee that within 30 days of service of the order of admonishment the licensee may do either of the following:

(1) Submit a written request for an office conference to the executive officer of the board to contest the letter of admonishment.

(A) Upon a timely request, the executive officer, or his or her designee, shall hold an office conference with the licensee or the licensee's legal counsel or authorized representative. Unless so authorized by the executive officer, or his or her designee, no individual other than the legal counsel or authorized representative of the licensee may accompany the licensee to the office conference.

(B) Prior to or at the office conference, the licensee may submit to the executive officer declarations and documents pertinent to the subject matter of the letter of admonishment.

(C) The office conference is intended to be an informal proceeding and shall not be subject to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340), Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 11370), Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 11400), and Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code).

(D) The executive officer, or his or her designee, may affirm, modify, or withdraw the letter of admonishment. Within 14 calendar days from the date of the office conference, the executive officer, or his or her designee, shall personally serve or send by certified mail to the licensee's address of record with the board a written decision. This decision shall be deemed the final administrative decision concerning the letter of admonishment.

(E) Judicial review of the decision may be had by filing a petition for a writ of mandate in accordance with the provisions of Section 1094.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure within 30 days of the date the decision was personally served or sent by certified mail. The judicial review shall extend to the question of whether or not there was a prejudicial abuse of discretion in the issuance of the letter of admonishment.

(2) Comply with the letter of admonishment and submit a written corrective action plan to the executive officer documenting compliance. If an office conference is not requested pursuant to this section, compliance with the letter of admonishment shall not constitute an admission of the violation noted in the letter of admonishment.

(d) The letter of admonishment shall be served upon the licensee personally or by certified mail at the licensee's address of record with the board. If the licensee is served by certified mail, service shall be effective upon deposit in the United States mail.

(e) The licensee shall maintain and have readily available a copy of the letter of admonishment and corrective action plan, if any, for at least three years from the date of issuance of the letter of admonishment.

(f) Nothing in this section shall in any way limit the board's authority or ability to do either of the following:

(1) Issue a citation pursuant to Section 125.9, 148, or 4067 or pursuant to Section 1775 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations.

(2) Institute disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Article 19 (commencing with Section 4300).

SEC. 56. Section 4980.01 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4980.01. (a) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to constrict, limit, or withdraw the Medical Practice Act, the Social Work Licensing Law, the Nursing Practice Act, or the Psychology Licensing Act.

(b) This chapter shall not apply to any priest, rabbi, or minister of the gospel of any religious denomination when performing counseling services as part of his or her pastoral or professional duties, or to any person who is

admitted to practice law in the state, or who is licensed to practice medicine, when providing counseling services as part of his or her professional practice.

(c) (1) This chapter shall not apply to an employee working in any of the following settings if his or her work is performed solely under the supervision of the employer:

- (A) A governmental entity.
- (B) A school, college, or university.
- (C) An institution that is both nonprofit and charitable.

(2) This chapter shall not apply to a volunteer working in any of the settings described in paragraph (1) if his or her work is performed solely under the supervision of the entity, school, or institution.

(d) A marriage and family therapist licensed under this chapter is a licentiate for purposes of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 805, and thus is a health care practitioner subject to the provisions of Section 2290.5 pursuant to subdivision (b) of that section.

(e) Notwithstanding subdivisions (b) and (c), all persons registered as interns or licensed under this chapter shall not be exempt from this chapter or the jurisdiction of the board.

SEC. 57. Section 4980.38 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4980.38. (a) Each educational institution preparing applicants to qualify for licensure shall notify each of its students by means of its public documents or otherwise in writing that its degree program is designed to meet the requirements of Sections 4980.37 and 4980.40, and shall certify to the board that it has so notified its students.

(b) In addition to all of the other requirements for licensure, each applicant shall submit to the board a certification by the chief academic officer, or his or her designee, of the applicant's educational institution that the applicant has fulfilled the requirements enumerated in Sections 4980.37 and 4980.40, and subdivisions (d) and (e) of Section 4980.41.

SEC. 58. Section 4980.40 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4980.40. To qualify for a license, an applicant shall have all the following qualifications:

(a) Applicants shall possess a doctor's or master's degree in marriage, family, and child counseling, marital and family therapy, psychology, clinical psychology, counseling psychology, or counseling with an emphasis in either marriage, family, and child counseling or marriage and family therapy, obtained from a school, college, or university accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, or approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education. The board has the authority to make the final determination as to whether a degree meets all requirements, including, but not limited to, course requirements, regardless of accreditation or approval. In order to qualify for licensure pursuant to this subdivision, a doctor's or master's degree program shall be a single, integrated program primarily designed to train marriage and family therapists and shall contain no less than 48 semester or 72 quarter units of instruction. The instruction



shall include no less than 12 semester units or 18 quarter units of coursework in the areas of marriage, family, and child counseling, and marital and family systems approaches to treatment.

The coursework shall include all of the following areas:

(1) The salient theories of a variety of psychotherapeutic orientations directly related to marriage and family therapy, and marital and family systems approaches to treatment.

(2) Theories of marriage and family therapy and how they can be utilized in order to intervene therapeutically with couples, families, adults, children, and groups.

(3) Developmental issues and life events from infancy to old age and their effect upon individuals, couples, and family relationships. This may include coursework that focuses on specific family life events and the psychological, psychotherapeutic, and health implications that arise within couples and families, including, but not limited to, childbirth, child rearing, childhood, adolescence, adulthood, marriage, divorce, blended families, stepparenting, and geropsychology.

(4) A variety of approaches to the treatment of children.

The board shall, by regulation, set forth the subjects of instruction required in this subdivision.

(b) (1) In addition to the 12 semester or 18 quarter units of coursework specified above, the doctor's or master's degree program shall contain not less than six semester or nine quarter units of supervised practicum in applied psychotherapeutic techniques, assessment, diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment of premarital, couple, family, and child relationships, including dysfunctions, healthy functioning, health promotion, and illness prevention, in a supervised clinical placement that provides supervised fieldwork experience within the scope of practice of a marriage and family therapist.

(2) For applicants who enrolled in a degree program on or after January 1, 1995, the practicum shall include a minimum of 150 hours of face-to-face experience counseling individuals, couples, families, or groups.

(3) The practicum hours shall be considered as part of the 48 semester or 72 quarter unit requirement.

(c) As an alternative to meeting the qualifications specified in subdivision (a), the board shall accept as equivalent degrees, those master's or doctor's degrees granted by educational institutions whose degree program is approved by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education.

(d) All applicants shall, in addition, complete the coursework or training specified in Section 4980.41.

(e) All applicants shall be at least 18 years of age.

(f) All applicants shall have at least two years of experience that meet the requirements of Section 4980.43.

(g) The applicant shall pass a board administered written or oral examination or both types of examinations, except that an applicant who passed a written examination and who has not taken and passed an oral

examination shall instead be required to take and pass a clinical vignette written examination.

(h) The applicant shall not have committed acts or crimes constituting grounds for denial of licensure under Section 480. The board shall not issue a registration or license to any person who has been convicted of a crime in this or another state or in a territory of the United States that involves sexual abuse of children or who is required to register pursuant to Section 290 of the Penal Code or the equivalent in another state or territory.

(i) An applicant for licensure trained in an educational institution outside the United States shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board that he or she possesses a qualifying degree that is equivalent to a degree earned from a school, college, or university accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, or approved by the Bureau of Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education. These applicants shall provide the board with a comprehensive evaluation of the degree performed by a foreign credential evaluation service that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES), and shall provide any other documentation the board deems necessary.

SEC. 59. Section 4980.44 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4980.44. An unlicensed marriage and family therapist intern employed under this chapter shall comply with the following requirements:

(a) Possess, at a minimum, a master's degree as specified in Section 4980.40.

(b) Register with the board prior to performing any duties, except as otherwise provided in subdivision (e) of Section 4980.43.

(c) Inform each client or patient prior to performing any professional services that he or she is unlicensed and under the supervision of a licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed clinical social worker, licensed psychologist, or a licensed physician and surgeon certified in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

SEC. 60. Section 4980.54 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4980.54. (a) The Legislature recognizes that the education and experience requirements in this chapter constitute only minimal requirements to assure that an applicant is prepared and qualified to take the licensure examinations as specified in subdivision (g) of Section 4980.40 and, if he or she passes those examinations, to begin practice.

(b) In order to continuously improve the competence of licensed marriage and family therapists and as a model for all psychotherapeutic professions, the Legislature encourages all licensees to regularly engage in continuing education related to the profession or scope of practice as defined in this chapter.

(c) Except as provided in subdivision (e), the board shall not renew any license pursuant to this chapter unless the applicant certifies to the board, on a form prescribed by the board, that he or she has completed not less than 36 hours of approved continuing education in or relevant to the field

of marriage and family therapy in the preceding two years, as determined by the board.

(d) The board shall have the right to audit the records of any applicant to verify the completion of the continuing education requirement. Applicants shall maintain records of completion of required continuing education coursework for a minimum of two years and shall make these records available to the board for auditing purposes upon request.

(e) The board may establish exceptions from the continuing education requirements of this section for good cause, as defined by the board.

(f) The continuing education shall be obtained from one of the following sources:

(1) An accredited school or state-approved school that meets the requirements set forth in Section 4980.40. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as requiring coursework to be offered as part of a regular degree program.

(2) Other continuing education providers, including, but not limited to, a professional marriage and family therapist association, a licensed health facility, a governmental entity, a continuing education unit of an accredited four-year institution of higher learning, or a mental health professional association, approved by the board.

(g) The board shall establish, by regulation, a procedure for approving providers of continuing education courses, and all providers of continuing education, as described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (f), shall adhere to procedures established by the board. The board may revoke or deny the right of a provider to offer continuing education coursework pursuant to this section for failure to comply with the requirements of this section or any regulation adopted pursuant to this section.

(h) Training, education, and coursework by approved providers shall incorporate one or more of the following:

(1) Aspects of the discipline that are fundamental to the understanding or the practice of marriage and family therapy.

(2) Aspects of the discipline of marriage and family therapy in which significant recent developments have occurred.

(3) Aspects of other disciplines that enhance the understanding or the practice of marriage and family therapy.

(i) A system of continuing education for licensed marriage and family therapists shall include courses directly related to the diagnosis, assessment, and treatment of the client population being served.

(j) The board shall, by regulation, fund the administration of this section through continuing education provider fees to be deposited in the Behavioral Sciences Fund. The fees related to the administration of this section shall be sufficient to meet, but shall not exceed, the costs of administering the corresponding provisions of this section. For purposes of this subdivision, a provider of continuing education as described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (f) shall be deemed to be an approved provider.

(k) The continuing education requirements of this section shall comply fully with the guidelines for mandatory continuing education established by the Department of Consumer Affairs pursuant to Section 166.

SEC. 61. Section 4980.57 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4980.57. (a) The board shall require a licensee who began graduate study prior to January 1, 2004, to take a continuing education course during his or her first renewal period after the operative date of this section in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention strategies, including community resources, cultural factors, and same gender abuse dynamics. On and after January 1, 2005, the course shall consist of not less than seven hours of training. Equivalent courses in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention strategies taken prior to the operative date of this section or proof of equivalent teaching or practice experience may be submitted to the board and at its discretion, may be accepted in satisfaction of this requirement.

(b) Continuing education courses taken pursuant to this section shall be applied to the 36 hours of approved continuing education required under subdivision (c) of Section 4980.54.

SEC. 62. Section 4980.80 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4980.80. The board may issue a license to a person who, at the time of application, has held for at least two years a valid license issued by a board of marriage counselor examiners, marriage therapist examiners, or corresponding authority of any state, if the education and supervised experience requirements are substantially the equivalent of this chapter and the person successfully completes the board administered licensing examinations as specified by subdivision (g) of Section 4980.40 and pays the fees specified. Issuance of the license is further conditioned upon the person's completion of the following coursework or training:

(a) (1) An applicant who completed a two semester or three quarter unit course in law and professional ethics for marriage, and family therapists that included areas of study as specified in Section 4980.41 as part of his or her qualifying degree shall complete an 18-hour course in California law and professional ethics that includes, but is not limited to, the following subjects: advertising, scope of practice, scope of competence, treatment of minors, confidentiality, dangerous patients, psychotherapist-patient privilege, recordkeeping, patient access to records, requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, dual relationships, child abuse, elder and dependent adult abuse, online therapy, insurance reimbursement, civil liability, disciplinary actions and unprofessional conduct, ethics complaints and ethical standards, termination of therapy, standards of care, relevant family law, and therapist disclosures to patients.

(2) An applicant who has not completed a two semester or three quarter unit course in law and professional ethics for marriage and family therapists that included areas of study as specified in Section 4980.41 as part of his or her qualifying degree, shall complete a two semester or three quarter unit

course in California law and professional ethics that includes, at minimum, the areas of study specified in Section 4980.41.

(b) A minimum of seven contact hours of training or coursework in child abuse assessment and reporting as specified in Section 28 and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

(c) A minimum of 10 contact hours of training or coursework in human sexuality as specified in Section 25 and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

(d) A minimum of 15 contact hours of training or coursework in alcoholism and other chemical substance dependency as specified by regulation.

(e) (1) Instruction in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention. This instruction may be taken either in fulfillment of other requirements for licensure or in a separate course.

(2) On and after January 1, 2004, a minimum of 15 contact hours of coursework or training in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention strategies.

(f) On and after January 1, 2003, a minimum of a two semester or three quarter unit survey course in psychological testing. This course may be taken either in fulfillment of other requirements for licensure or in a separate course.

(g) On and after January 1, 2003, a minimum of a two semester or three quarter unit survey course in psychopharmacology. This course may be taken either in fulfillment of other requirements for licensure or in a separate course.

(h) With respect to human sexuality, alcoholism and other chemical substance dependency, spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention, psychological testing, and psychopharmacology, the board may accept training or coursework acquired out of state.

SEC. 63. Section 4980.90 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4980.90. (a) Experience gained outside of California shall be accepted toward the licensure requirements if it is substantially equivalent to that required by this chapter and if the applicant has gained a minimum of 250 hours of supervised experience in direct counseling within California while registered as an intern with the board. The board shall consider hours of experience obtained in another state during the six-year period immediately preceding the applicant's initial licensure by that state as a marriage and family therapist.

(b) Education gained while residing outside of California shall be accepted toward the licensure requirements if it is substantially equivalent to the education requirements of this chapter, and if the applicant has completed all of the following:

(1) A two semester or three quarter unit course in California law and professional ethics for marriage, family, and child counselors that shall include areas of study as specified in Section 4980.41.

(2) A minimum of seven contact hours of training or coursework in child abuse assessment and reporting as specified in Section 28 and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

(3) A minimum of 10 contact hours of training or coursework in sexuality as specified in Section 25 and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

(4) A minimum of 15 contact hours of training or coursework in alcoholism and other chemical substance dependency as specified by regulation.

(5) (A) Instruction in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention. This instruction may be taken either in fulfillment of other educational requirements for licensure or in a separate course.

(B) On and after January 1, 2004, a minimum of 15 contact hours of coursework or training in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention strategies.

(6) On and after January 1, 2003, a minimum of a two semester or three quarter unit survey course in psychological testing. This course may be taken either in fulfillment of other requirements for licensure or in a separate course.

(7) On and after January 1, 2003, a minimum of a two semester or three quarter unit survey course in psychopharmacology. This course may be taken either in fulfillment of other requirements for licensure or in a separate course.

(8) With respect to human sexuality, alcoholism and other chemical substance dependency, spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention, psychological testing, and psychopharmacology, the board may accept training or coursework acquired out of state.

(c) For purposes of this section, the board may, in its discretion, accept education as substantially equivalent if the applicant meets both of the following requirements:

(1) The applicant has been granted a degree in a single integrated program primarily designed to train marriage and family therapists.

(2) The applicant's education meets the requirements of Sections 4980.37 and 4980.40. The degree title need not be identical to those required by subdivision (a) of Section 4980.40. If the applicant's degree does not contain the content required by Section 4980.37 or the overall number of units required by subdivision (a) of Section 4980.40, the board may, in its discretion, accept the applicant's education as substantially equivalent if the following criteria are satisfied:

(A) The applicant's degree contains the required number of practicum units and coursework required in the areas of marriage, family, and child counseling and marital and family systems approaches to treatment as specified in Section 4980.40.

(B) The applicant remediates his or her specific deficiency by completing the course content required by Section 4980.37 or the units required by subdivision (a) of Section 4980.40.

(C) The applicant's degree otherwise complies with this section.

SEC. 64. Section 4982 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4982. The board may deny a license or registration or may suspend or revoke the license or registration of a licensee or registrant if he or she has been guilty of unprofessional conduct. Unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a licensee or registrant under this chapter. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred. The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime in order to fix the degree of discipline or to determine if the conviction is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a licensee or registrant under this chapter. A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere made to a charge substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a licensee or registrant under this chapter shall be deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section. The board may order any license or registration suspended or revoked, or may decline to issue a license or registration when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or, when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing the person to withdraw a plea of guilty and enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information, or indictment.

(b) Securing a license or registration by fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation on any application for licensure or registration submitted to the board, whether engaged in by an applicant for a license or registration, or by a licensee in support of any application for licensure or registration.

(c) Administering to himself or herself any controlled substance or using of any of the dangerous drugs specified in Section 4022, or of any alcoholic beverage to the extent, or in a manner, as to be dangerous or injurious to the person applying for a registration or license or holding a registration or license under this chapter, or to any other person, or to the public, or, to the extent that the use impairs the ability of the person applying for or holding a registration or license to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by the registration or license, or the conviction of more than one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use, consumption, or self-administration of any of the substances referred to in this subdivision, or any combination thereof. The board shall deny an application for a registration or license or revoke the license or registration of any person, other than one who is licensed as a physician and surgeon, who uses or offers to use drugs in the course of performing marriage and family therapy services.

(d) Gross negligence or incompetence in the performance of marriage and family therapy.

(e) Violating, attempting to violate, or conspiring to violate any of the provisions of this chapter or any regulation adopted by the board.

(f) Misrepresentation as to the type or status of a license or registration held by the person, or otherwise misrepresenting or permitting misrepresentation of his or her education, professional qualifications, or professional affiliations to any person or entity.

(g) Impersonation of another by any licensee, registrant, or applicant for a license or registration, or, in the case of a licensee, allowing any other person to use his or her license or registration.

(h) Aiding or abetting, or employing, directly or indirectly, any unlicensed or unregistered person to engage in conduct for which a license or registration is required under this chapter.

(i) Intentionally or recklessly causing physical or emotional harm to any client.

(j) The commission of any dishonest, corrupt, or fraudulent act substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a licensee or registrant.

(k) Engaging in sexual relations with a client, or a former client within two years following termination of therapy, soliciting sexual relations with a client, or committing an act of sexual abuse, or sexual misconduct with a client, or committing an act punishable as a sexually related crime, if that act or solicitation is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a marriage and family therapist.

(l) Performing, or holding oneself out as being able to perform, or offering to perform, or permitting any trainee or registered intern under supervision to perform, any professional services beyond the scope of the license authorized by this chapter.

(m) Failure to maintain confidentiality, except as otherwise required or permitted by law, of all information that has been received from a client in confidence during the course of treatment and all information about the client that is obtained from tests or other means.

(n) Prior to the commencement of treatment, failing to disclose to the client or prospective client the fee to be charged for the professional services, or the basis upon which that fee will be computed.

(o) Paying, accepting, or soliciting any consideration, compensation, or remuneration, whether monetary or otherwise, for the referral of professional clients. All consideration, compensation, or remuneration shall be in relation to professional counseling services actually provided by the licensee. Nothing in this subdivision shall prevent collaboration among two or more licensees in a case or cases. However, no fee shall be charged for that collaboration, except when disclosure of the fee has been made in compliance with subdivision (n).

(p) Advertising in a manner that is false, misleading, or deceptive.

(q) Reproduction or description in public, or in any publication subject to general public distribution, of any psychological test or other assessment device, the value of which depends in whole or in part on the naivete of the subject, in ways that might invalidate the test or device.



(r) Any conduct in the supervision of any registered intern or trainee by any licensee that violates this chapter or any rules or regulations adopted by the board.

(s) Performing or holding oneself out as being able to perform professional services beyond the scope of one's competence, as established by one's education, training, or experience. This subdivision shall not be construed to expand the scope of the license authorized by this chapter.

(t) Permitting a trainee or registered intern under one's supervision or control to perform, or permitting the trainee or registered intern to hold himself or herself out as competent to perform, professional services beyond the trainee's or registered intern's level of education, training, or experience.

(u) The violation of any statute or regulation governing the gaining and supervision of experience required by this chapter.

(v) Failure to keep records consistent with sound clinical judgment, the standards of the profession, and the nature of the services being rendered.

(w) Failure to comply with the child abuse reporting requirements of Section 11166 of the Penal Code.

(x) Failure to comply with the elder and dependent adult abuse reporting requirements of Section 15630 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(y) Willful violation of Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 123100) of Part 1 of Division 106 of the Health and Safety Code.

(z) Failure to comply with Section 2290.5.

SEC. 65. Section 4984.01 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

4984.01. (a) The marriage and family therapist intern registration shall expire one year from the last day of the month in which it was issued.

(b) To renew the registration, the registrant shall, on or before the expiration date of the registration, complete all of the following actions:

(1) Apply for renewal on a form prescribed by the board.

(2) Pay a renewal fee prescribed by the board.

(3) Notify the board whether he or she has been convicted, as defined in Section 490, of a misdemeanor or felony, and whether any disciplinary action has been taken against him or her by a regulatory or licensing board in this or any other state subsequent to the last renewal of the registration.

(c) The registration may be renewed a maximum of five times. No registration shall be renewed or reinstated beyond six years from the last day of the month during which it was issued, regardless of whether it has been revoked. When no further renewals are possible, an applicant may apply for and obtain a new intern registration if the applicant meets the educational requirements for registration in effect at the time of the application for a new intern registration. An applicant who is issued a subsequent intern registration pursuant to this subdivision may be employed or volunteer in any allowable work setting except private practice.

SEC. 66. Section 4984.1 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4984.1. A licensee may renew a license at any time within three years after its expiration by completing all of the actions described in subdivision (b) of Section 4984 and paying any delinquency fees.

SEC. 67. Section 4984.4 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4984.4. A license that is not renewed within three years after its expiration may not be renewed, restored, reinstated, or reissued; however, the licensee may apply for and obtain a new license if the following criteria are satisfied:

(a) No fact, circumstance, or condition exists that, if the license were issued, would constitute grounds for its revocation or suspension.

(b) He or she submits an application for examination eligibility and the fee for that application.

(c) He or she takes and passes the current licensing examinations.

(d) He or she submits the fee for initial license issuance.

SEC. 68. Section 4984.7 of the Business and Professions Code is repealed.

SEC. 69. Section 4984.7 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

4984.7. (a) The board shall assess the following fees relating to the licensure of marriage and family therapists:

(1) The application fee for an intern registration shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75).

(2) The renewal fee for an intern registration shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75).

(3) The fee for the application for examination eligibility shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).

(4) The fee for the standard written examination shall be one hundred dollars (\$100). The fee for the clinical vignette examination shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).

(A) An applicant who fails to appear for an examination, after having been scheduled to take the examination, shall forfeit the examination fee.

(B) The amount of the examination fees shall be based on the actual cost to the board of developing, purchasing, and grading each examination and the actual cost to the board of administering each examination. The examination fees shall be adjusted periodically by regulation to reflect the actual costs incurred by the board.

(5) The fee for rescoring an examination shall be twenty dollars (\$20).

(6) The fee for issuance of an initial license shall be a maximum of one hundred eighty dollars (\$180).

(7) The fee for license renewal shall be a maximum of one hundred eighty dollars (\$180).

(8) The fee for inactive license renewal shall be a maximum of ninety dollars (\$90).

(9) The renewal delinquency fee shall be a maximum of ninety dollars (\$90). A person who permits his or her license to expire is subject to the delinquency fee.

(10) The fee for issuance of a replacement registration, license, or certificate shall be twenty dollars (\$20).

(11) The fee for issuance of a certificate or letter of good standing shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25).

(b) With regard to license, examination, and other fees, the board shall establish fee amounts at or below the maximum amounts specified in this chapter.

SEC. 70. Section 4984.72 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

4984.72. An applicant who fails a standard or clinical vignette written examination may within one year from the notification date of that failure, retake the examination as regularly scheduled without further application upon payment of the fee for the examination. Thereafter, the applicant shall not be eligible for further examination until he or she files a new application, meets all requirements in effect on the date of application, and pays all required fees.

SEC. 71. Section 4984.8 of the Business and Professions Code is repealed.

SEC. 72. Section 4984.8 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

4984.8. (a) A licensee may apply to the board to request that his or her license be placed on inactive status.

(b) A licensee on inactive status shall be subject to this chapter and shall not engage in the practice of marriage and family therapy in this state.

(c) A licensee who holds an inactive license shall pay a biennial fee in the amount of one-half of the standard renewal fee and shall be exempt from continuing education requirements.

(d) A licensee on inactive status who has not committed an act or crime constituting grounds for denial of licensure may, upon request, restore his or her license to practice marriage and family therapy to active status.

(1) A licensee requesting to restore his or her license to active status between renewal cycles shall pay the remaining one-half of his or her renewal fee.

(2) A licensee requesting to restore his or her license to active status, whose license will expire less than one year from the date of the request, shall complete 18 hours of continuing education as specified in Section 4980.54.

(3) A licensee requesting to restore his or her license to active status, whose license will expire more than one year from the date of the request, shall complete 36 hours of continuing education as specified in Section 4980.54.

SEC. 73. Section 4989.36 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4989.36. A licensee may renew a license that has expired at any time within three years after its expiration date by taking all of the actions described in Section 4989.32 and by paying all unpaid prior renewal fees and delinquency fees.

SEC. 74. Section 4989.42 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4989.42. A license that is not renewed within three years after its expiration may not be renewed, restored, reinstated, or reissued thereafter. A licensee may apply for a new license if he or she satisfies all of the following requirements:

(a) No fact, circumstance, or condition exists that, if the license were issued, would constitute grounds for its revocation or suspension.

(b) Payment of the fees that would be required if he or she were applying for a license for the first time.

(c) Passage of the current licensure examination.

SEC. 75. Section 4989.54 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4989.54. The board may deny a license or may suspend or revoke the license of a licensee if he or she has been guilty of unprofessional conduct. Unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of an educational psychologist.

(1) The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred.

(2) The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime in order to fix the degree of discipline or to determine if the conviction is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a licensee under this chapter.

(3) A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere made to a charge substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a licensee under this chapter shall be deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section.

(4) The board may order a license suspended or revoked, or may decline to issue a license when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing the person to withdraw a plea of guilty and enter a plea of not guilty or setting aside the verdict of guilty or dismissing the accusation, information, or indictment.

(b) Securing a license by fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation on an application for licensure submitted to the board, whether engaged in by an applicant for a license or by a licensee in support of an application for licensure.

(c) Administering to himself or herself a controlled substance or using any of the dangerous drugs specified in Section 4022 or an alcoholic beverage to the extent, or in a manner, as to be dangerous or injurious to himself or herself or to any other person or to the public or to the extent that the use impairs his or her ability to safely perform the functions authorized by the license.

(d) Conviction of more than one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use, consumption, or self-administration of any of the substances referred to in subdivision (c) or any combination thereof.

(e) Advertising in a manner that is false, misleading, or deceptive.

(f) Violating, attempting to violate, or conspiring to violate any of the provisions of this chapter or any regulation adopted by the board.

(g) Commission of any dishonest, corrupt, or fraudulent act substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a licensee.

(h) Denial of licensure, revocation, suspension, restriction, or any other disciplinary action imposed by another state or territory or possession of the United States or by any other governmental agency, on a license, certificate, or registration to practice educational psychology or any other healing art. A certified copy of the disciplinary action, decision, or judgment shall be conclusive evidence of that action.

(i) Revocation, suspension, or restriction by the board of a license, certificate, or registration to practice as a clinical social worker or marriage and family therapist.

(j) Failure to keep records consistent with sound clinical judgment, the standards of the profession, and the nature of the services being rendered.

(k) Gross negligence or incompetence in the practice of educational psychology.

(l) Misrepresentation as to the type or status of a license held by the licensee or otherwise misrepresenting or permitting misrepresentation of his or her education, professional qualifications, or professional affiliations to any person or entity.

(m) Intentionally or recklessly causing physical or emotional harm to any client.

(n) Engaging in sexual relations with a client or a former client within two years following termination of professional services, soliciting sexual relations with a client, or committing an act of sexual abuse or sexual misconduct with a client or committing an act punishable as a sexually related crime, if that act or solicitation is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a licensed educational psychologist.

(o) Prior to the commencement of treatment, failing to disclose to the client or prospective client the fee to be charged for the professional services or the basis upon which that fee will be computed.

(p) Paying, accepting, or soliciting any consideration, compensation, or remuneration, whether monetary or otherwise, for the referral of professional clients.

(q) Failing to maintain confidentiality, except as otherwise required or permitted by law, of all information that has been received from a client in confidence during the course of treatment and all information about the client that is obtained from tests or other means.

(r) Performing, holding himself or herself out as being able to perform, or offering to perform any professional services beyond the scope of the license authorized by this chapter or beyond his or her field or fields of competence as established by his or her education, training, or experience.

(s) Reproducing or describing in public, or in any publication subject to general public distribution, any psychological test or other assessment device the value of which depends in whole or in part on the naivete of the subject in ways that might invalidate the test or device. An educational psychologist shall limit access to the test or device to persons with professional interests who can be expected to safeguard its use.

(t) Aiding or abetting an unlicensed person to engage in conduct requiring a license under this chapter.

(u) When employed by another person or agency, encouraging, either orally or in writing, the employer's or agency's clientele to utilize his or her private practice for further counseling without the approval of the employing agency or administration.

(v) Failing to comply with the child abuse reporting requirements of Section 11166 of the Penal Code.

(w) Failing to comply with the elder and adult dependent abuse reporting requirements of Section 15630 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(x) Willful violation of Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 123100) of Part 1 of Division 106 of the Health and Safety Code.

SEC. 76. Section 4992.3 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4992.3. The board may deny a license or a registration, or may suspend or revoke the license or registration of a licensee or registrant if he or she has been guilty of unprofessional conduct. Unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a licensee or registrant under this chapter. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred. The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime in order to fix the degree of discipline or to determine if the conviction is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a licensee or registrant under this chapter. A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere made to a charge substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a licensee or registrant under this chapter is a conviction within the meaning of this section. The board may order any license or registration suspended or revoked, or may decline to issue a license or registration when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or, when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing the person to withdraw a plea of guilty and enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information, or indictment.

(b) Securing a license or registration by fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation on any application for licensure or registration submitted to the board, whether engaged in by an applicant for a license or registration, or by a licensee in support of any application for licensure or registration.

(c) Administering to himself or herself any controlled substance or using any of the dangerous drugs specified in Section 4022 or any alcoholic beverage to the extent, or in a manner, as to be dangerous or injurious to the person applying for a registration or license or holding a registration or license under this chapter, or to any other person, or to the public, or, to the extent that the use impairs the ability of the person applying for or holding a registration or license to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by the registration or license, or the conviction of more than one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use, consumption, or self-administration of any of the substances referred to in this subdivision, or any combination thereof. The board shall deny an application for a registration or license or revoke the license or registration of any person who uses or offers to use drugs in the course of performing clinical social work. This provision does not apply to any person also licensed as a physician and surgeon under Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 2000) or the Osteopathic Act who lawfully prescribes drugs to a patient under his or her care.

(d) Gross negligence or incompetence in the performance of clinical social work.

(e) Violating, attempting to violate, or conspiring to violate this chapter or any regulation adopted by the board.

(f) Misrepresentation as to the type or status of a license or registration held by the person, or otherwise misrepresenting or permitting misrepresentation of his or her education, professional qualifications, or professional affiliations to any person or entity. For purposes of this subdivision, this misrepresentation includes, but is not limited to, misrepresentation of the person's qualifications as an adoption service provider pursuant to Section 8502 of the Family Code.

(g) Impersonation of another by any licensee, registrant, or applicant for a license or registration, or, in the case of a licensee, allowing any other person to use his or her license or registration.

(h) Aiding or abetting any unlicensed or unregistered person to engage in conduct for which a license or registration is required under this chapter.

(i) Intentionally or recklessly causing physical or emotional harm to any client.

(j) The commission of any dishonest, corrupt, or fraudulent act substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a licensee or registrant.

(k) Engaging in sexual relations with a client or with a former client within two years from the termination date of therapy with the client, soliciting sexual relations with a client, or committing an act of sexual abuse, or sexual misconduct with a client, or committing an act punishable as a sexually related crime, if that act or solicitation is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a clinical social worker.

(l) Performing, or holding one's self out as being able to perform, or offering to perform or permitting, any registered associate clinical social

worker or intern under supervision to perform any professional services beyond the scope of the license authorized by this chapter.

(m) Failure to maintain confidentiality, except as otherwise required or permitted by law, of all information that has been received from a client in confidence during the course of treatment and all information about the client that is obtained from tests or other means.

(n) Prior to the commencement of treatment, failing to disclose to the client or prospective client the fee to be charged for the professional services, or the basis upon which that fee will be computed.

(o) Paying, accepting, or soliciting any consideration, compensation, or remuneration, whether monetary or otherwise, for the referral of professional clients. All consideration, compensation, or remuneration shall be in relation to professional counseling services actually provided by the licensee. Nothing in this subdivision shall prevent collaboration among two or more licensees in a case or cases. However, no fee shall be charged for that collaboration, except when disclosure of the fee has been made in compliance with subdivision (n).

(p) Advertising in a manner that is false, misleading, or deceptive.

(q) Reproduction or description in public, or in any publication subject to general public distribution, of any psychological test or other assessment device, the value of which depends in whole or in part on the naivete of the subject, in ways that might invalidate the test or device.

(r) Any conduct in the supervision of any registered associate clinical social worker or intern by any licensee that violates this chapter or any rules or regulations adopted by the board.

(s) Failure to keep records consistent with sound clinical judgment, the standards of the profession, and the nature of the services being rendered.

(t) Failure to comply with the child abuse reporting requirements of Section 11166 of the Penal Code.

(u) Failure to comply with the elder and dependent adult abuse reporting requirements of Section 15630 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(v) Willful violation of Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 123100) of Part 1 of Division 106 of the Health and Safety Code.

(w) Failure to comply with Section 2290.5.

SEC. 77. Section 4992.10 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

4992.10. A licensed clinical social worker who conducts a private practice under a fictitious business name shall not use a name that is false, misleading, or deceptive, and shall inform the patient, prior to the commencement of treatment, of the name and license designation of the owner or owners of the practice.

SEC. 78. Section 4996.3 of the Business and Professions Code is repealed.

SEC. 79. Section 4996.3 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

4996.3. (a) The board shall assess the following fees relating to the licensure of clinical social workers:



(1) The application fee for registration as an associate clinical social worker shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75).

(2) The fee for renewal of an associate clinical social worker registration shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75).

(3) The fee for application for examination eligibility shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).

(4) The fee for the standard written examination shall be a maximum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). The fee for the clinical vignette examination shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).

(A) An applicant who fails to appear for an examination, after having been scheduled to take the examination, shall forfeit the examination fees.

(B) The amount of the examination fees shall be based on the actual cost to the board of developing, purchasing, and grading each examination and the actual cost to the board of administering each examination. The written examination fees shall be adjusted periodically by regulation to reflect the actual costs incurred by the board.

(5) The fee for rescoring an examination shall be twenty dollars (\$20).

(6) The fee for issuance of an initial license shall be a maximum of one hundred fifty-five dollars (\$155).

(7) The fee for license renewal shall be a maximum of one hundred fifty-five dollars (\$155).

(8) The fee for inactive license renewal shall be a maximum of seventy-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$77.50).

(9) The renewal delinquency fee shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75). A person who permits his or her license to expire is subject to the delinquency fee.

(10) The fee for issuance of a replacement registration, license, or certificate shall be twenty dollars (\$20).

(11) The fee for issuance of a certificate or letter of good standing shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25).

(b) With regard to license, examination, and other fees, the board shall establish fee amounts at or below the maximum amounts specified in this chapter.

SEC. 80. Section 4996.4 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4996.4. An applicant who fails a standard or clinical vignette written examination may within one year from the notification date of failure, retake that examination as regularly scheduled, without further application, upon payment of the required examination fees. Thereafter, the applicant shall not be eligible for further examination until he or she files a new application, meets all current requirements, and pays all required fees.

SEC. 81. Section 4996.6 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4996.6. (a) Licenses issued under this chapter shall expire no more than 24 months after the issue date. The expiration date of the original license shall be set by the board.

(b) To renew an unexpired license, the licensee shall, on or before the expiration date of the license, complete the following actions:

- (1) Apply for a renewal on a form prescribed by the board.
- (2) Pay a two-year renewal fee prescribed by the board.
- (3) Certify compliance with the continuing education requirements set forth in Section 4996.22.

(4) Notify the board whether he or she has been convicted, as defined in Section 490, of a misdemeanor or felony, or whether any disciplinary action has been taken by any regulatory or licensing board in this or any other state, subsequent to the licensee's last renewal.

(c) To renew an expired license within three years of its expiration, the licensee shall, as a condition precedent to renewal, complete all of the actions described in subdivision (b) and pay a delinquency fee.

(d) A license that is not renewed within three years after its expiration may not be renewed, restored, reinstated, or reissued thereafter; however, the licensee may apply for and obtain a new license if he or she satisfies all of the following requirements:

- (1) No fact, circumstance, or condition exists that, if the license were issued, would justify its revocation or suspension.
- (2) He or she submits an application for examination eligibility.
- (3) He or she takes and passes the current licensing examinations.
- (4) He or she submits the fees for examination eligibility and for initial license issuance.

SEC. 82. Section 4996.14 of the Business and Professions Code is repealed.

SEC. 83. Section 4996.14 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

4996.14. (a) This chapter shall not apply to an employee who is working in any of the following settings if his or her work is performed solely under the supervision of the employer:

- (1) A governmental entity.
- (2) A school, college, or university.
- (3) An institution that is both nonprofit and charitable.

(b) This chapter shall not apply to a volunteer who is working in any of the settings described in subdivision (a) if his or her work is performed solely under the supervision of the entity, school, college, university, or institution.

(c) This chapter shall not apply to a person using hypnotic techniques by referral from any of the following persons if his or her practice is performed solely under the supervision of the employer:

- (1) A person licensed to practice medicine.
- (2) A person licensed to practice dentistry.
- (3) A person licensed to practice psychology.

(d) This chapter shall not apply to a person using hypnotic techniques that offer vocational self-improvement, and the person is not performing therapy for emotional or mental disorders.

SEC. 84. Section 4996.18 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4996.18. (a) A person who wishes to be credited with experience toward licensure requirements shall register with the board as an associate clinical social worker prior to obtaining that experience. The application shall be made on a form prescribed by the board.

(b) An applicant for registration shall satisfy the following requirements:

(1) Possess a master's degree from an accredited school or department of social work.

(2) Have committed no crimes or acts constituting grounds for denial of licensure under Section 480.

(c) An applicant who possesses a master's degree from a school or department of social work that is a candidate for accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education shall be eligible, and shall be required, to register as an associate clinical social worker in order to gain experience toward licensure if the applicant has not committed any crimes or acts that constitute grounds for denial of licensure under Section 480. That applicant shall not, however, be eligible for examination until the school or department of social work has received accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education.

(d) Any experience obtained under the supervision of a spouse or relative by blood or marriage shall not be credited toward the required hours of supervised experience. Any experience obtained under the supervision of a supervisor with whom the applicant has a personal relationship that undermines the authority or effectiveness of the supervision shall not be credited toward the required hours of supervised experience.

(e) An applicant who possesses a master's degree from an accredited school or department of social work shall be able to apply experience the applicant obtained during the time the accredited school or department was in candidacy status by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education toward the licensure requirements, if the experience meets the requirements of Section 4996.20, 4996.21, or 4996.23. This subdivision shall apply retroactively to persons who possess a master's degree from an accredited school or department of social work and who obtained experience during the time the accredited school or department was in candidacy status by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education.

(f) An applicant for registration or licensure trained in an educational institution outside the United States shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board that he or she possesses a master's of social work degree that is equivalent to a master's degree issued from a school or department of social work that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education. These applicants shall provide the board with a comprehensive evaluation of the degree and shall provide any other documentation the board deems necessary. The board has the authority to make the final determination as to whether a degree meets all requirements,

including, but not limited to, course requirements regardless of evaluation or accreditation.

(g) A registrant shall not provide clinical social work services to the public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, except as an employee.

(h) A registrant shall inform each client or patient prior to performing any professional services that he or she is unlicensed and is under the supervision of a licensed professional.

SEC. 85. Section 4996.22 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4996.22. (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (c), the board shall not renew any license pursuant to this chapter unless the applicant certifies to the board, on a form prescribed by the board, that he or she has completed not less than 36 hours of approved continuing education in or relevant to the field of social work in the preceding two years, as determined by the board.

(2) The board shall not renew any license of an applicant who began graduate study prior to January 1, 2004, pursuant to this chapter unless the applicant certifies to the board that during the applicant's first renewal period after the operative date of this section, he or she completed a continuing education course in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention strategies, including community resources, cultural factors, and same gender abuse dynamics. On and after January 1, 2005, the course shall consist of not less than seven hours of training. Equivalent courses in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention strategies taken prior to the operative date of this section or proof of equivalent teaching or practice experience may be submitted to the board and at its discretion, may be accepted in satisfaction of this requirement. Continuing education courses taken pursuant to this paragraph shall be applied to the 36 hours of approved continuing education required under paragraph (1).

(b) The board shall have the right to audit the records of any applicant to verify the completion of the continuing education requirement. Applicants shall maintain records of completion of required continuing education coursework for a minimum of two years and shall make these records available to the board for auditing purposes upon request.

(c) The board may establish exceptions from the continuing education requirement of this section for good cause as defined by the board.

(d) The continuing education shall be obtained from one of the following sources:

(1) An accredited school of social work, as defined in Section 4991.2, or a school or department of social work that is a candidate for accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as requiring coursework to be offered as part of a regular degree program.

(2) Other continuing education providers, including, but not limited to, a professional social work association, a licensed health facility, a governmental entity, a continuing education unit of an accredited four-year

institution of higher learning, and a mental health professional association, approved by the board.

(e) The board shall establish, by regulation, a procedure for approving providers of continuing education courses, and all providers of continuing education, as described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (d), shall adhere to the procedures established by the board. The board may revoke or deny the right of a provider to offer continuing education coursework pursuant to this section for failure to comply with the requirements of this section or any regulation adopted pursuant to this section.

(f) Training, education, and coursework by approved providers shall incorporate one or more of the following:

(1) Aspects of the discipline that are fundamental to the understanding, or the practice, of social work.

(2) Aspects of the social work discipline in which significant recent developments have occurred.

(3) Aspects of other related disciplines that enhance the understanding, or the practice, of social work.

(g) A system of continuing education for licensed clinical social workers shall include courses directly related to the diagnosis, assessment, and treatment of the client population being served.

(h) The continuing education requirements of this section shall comply fully with the guidelines for mandatory continuing education established by the Department of Consumer Affairs pursuant to Section 166.

(i) The board may adopt regulations as necessary to implement this section.

(j) The board shall, by regulation, fund the administration of this section through continuing education provider fees to be deposited in the Behavioral Science Examiners Fund. The fees related to the administration of this section shall be sufficient to meet, but shall not exceed, the costs of administering the corresponding provisions of this section. For purposes of this subdivision, a provider of continuing education as described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) shall be deemed to be an approved provider.

SEC. 86. Section 4996.28 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

4996.28. (a) Registration as an associate clinical social worker shall expire one year from the last day of the month during which it was issued. To renew a registration, the registrant shall, on or before the expiration date of the registration, complete all of the following actions:

(1) Apply for renewal on a form prescribed by the board.

(2) Pay a renewal fee prescribed by the board.

(3) Notify the board whether he or she has been convicted, as defined in Section 490, of a misdemeanor or felony, and whether any disciplinary action has been taken by a regulatory or licensing board in this or any other state, subsequent to the last renewal of the registration.

(b) A registration as an associate clinical social worker may be renewed a maximum of five times. When no further renewals are possible, an applicant may apply for and obtain a new associate clinical social worker

registration if the applicant meets all requirements for registration in effect at the time of his or her application for a new associate clinical social worker registration.

SEC. 87. Section 4997 of the Business and Professions Code is repealed.

SEC. 88. Section 4997 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

4997. (a) A licensee may apply to the board to request that his or her license be placed on inactive status.

(b) A licensee on inactive status shall be subject to this chapter and shall not engage in the practice of clinical social work in this state.

(c) A licensee who holds an inactive license shall pay a biennial fee in the amount of one-half of the standard renewal fee and shall be exempt from continuing education requirements.

(d) A licensee on inactive status who has not committed an act or crime constituting grounds for denial of licensure may, upon request, restore his or her license to practice clinical social work to active status.

(1) A licensee requesting his or her license be restored to active status between renewal cycles shall pay the remaining one-half of his or her renewal fee.

(2) A licensee requesting to restore his or her license to active status whose license will expire less than one year from the date of the request shall complete 18 hours of continuing education as specified in Section 4996.22.

(3) A licensee requesting to restore his or her license to active status whose license will expire more than one year from the date of the request shall complete 36 hours of continuing education as specified in Section 4996.22.

SEC. 89. Section 11372 of the Government Code is amended to read:

11372. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), all adjudicative hearings and proceedings relating to the discipline or reinstatement of licensees of the Medical Board of California, including licensees of affiliated health agencies within the jurisdiction of the Medical Board of California, that are heard pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, shall be conducted by an administrative law judge as designated in Section 11371, sitting alone if the case is so assigned by the agency filing the charging pleading.

(b) Proceedings relating to interim orders shall be heard in accordance with Section 11529.

SEC. 90. Section 12529 of the Government Code, as amended by Section 24 of Chapter 674 of the Statutes of 2005, is amended to read:

12529. (a) There is in the Department of Justice the Health Quality Enforcement Section. The primary responsibility of the section is to investigate and prosecute proceedings against licensees and applicants within the jurisdiction of the Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, the Board of Psychology, or any committee under the jurisdiction of the Medical Board of California or a division of the board.

(b) The Attorney General shall appoint a Senior Assistant Attorney General of the Health Quality Enforcement Section. The Senior Assistant Attorney General of the Health Quality Enforcement Section shall be an attorney in good standing licensed to practice in the State of California, experienced in prosecutorial or administrative disciplinary proceedings and competent in the management and supervision of attorneys performing those functions.

(c) The Attorney General shall ensure that the Health Quality Enforcement Section is staffed with a sufficient number of experienced and able employees that are capable of handling the most complex and varied types of disciplinary actions against the licensees of the division or board.

(d) Funding for the Health Quality Enforcement Section shall be budgeted in consultation with the Attorney General from the special funds financing the operations of the Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, the Board of Psychology, and the committees under the jurisdiction of the Medical Board of California or a division of the board, with the intent that the expenses be proportionally shared as to services rendered.

(e) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2008, and, as of January 1, 2009, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2009, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.

SEC. 90.5. Section 12529 of the Government Code, as amended by Section 24 of Chapter 674 of the Statutes of 2005, is amended to read:

12529. (a) There is in the Department of Justice the Health Quality Enforcement Section. The primary responsibility of the section is to investigate and prosecute proceedings against licensees and applicants within the jurisdiction of the Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, the Board of Psychology, or any committee under the jurisdiction of the Medical Board of California or a division of the board.

(b) The Attorney General shall appoint a Senior Assistant Attorney General of the Health Quality Enforcement Section. The Senior Assistant Attorney General of the Health Quality Enforcement Section shall be an attorney in good standing licensed to practice in the State of California, experienced in prosecutorial or administrative disciplinary proceedings and competent in the management and supervision of attorneys performing those functions.

(c) The Attorney General shall ensure that the Health Quality Enforcement Section is staffed with a sufficient number of experienced and able employees that are capable of handling the most complex and varied types of disciplinary actions against the licensees of the division or board.

(d) Funding for the Health Quality Enforcement Section shall be budgeted in consultation with the Attorney General from the special funds financing the operations of the Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, the Board of Psychology, and the committees under the jurisdiction of the Medical Board of California or a division of the board,

with the intent that the expenses be proportionally shared as to services rendered.

(e) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2010, and, as of January 1, 2011, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2011, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.

SEC. 91. Section 12529 of the Government Code, as added by Section 25 of Chapter 674 of the Statutes of 2005, is amended to read:

12529. (a) There is in the Department of Justice the Health Quality Enforcement Section. The primary responsibility of the section is to prosecute proceedings against licensees and applicants within the jurisdiction of the Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, the Board of Psychology, or any committee under the jurisdiction of the Medical Board of California or a division of the board, and to provide ongoing review of the investigative activities conducted in support of those prosecutions, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 12529.5.

(b) The Attorney General shall appoint a Senior Assistant Attorney General of the Health Quality Enforcement Section. The Senior Assistant Attorney General of the Health Quality Enforcement Section shall be an attorney in good standing licensed to practice in the State of California, experienced in prosecutorial or administrative disciplinary proceedings and competent in the management and supervision of attorneys performing those functions.

(c) The Attorney General shall ensure that the Health Quality Enforcement Section is staffed with a sufficient number of experienced and able employees that are capable of handling the most complex and varied types of disciplinary actions against the licensees of the division or board.

(d) Funding for the Health Quality Enforcement Section shall be budgeted in consultation with the Attorney General from the special funds financing the operations of the Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, the Board of Psychology, and the committees under the jurisdiction of the Medical Board of California or a division of the board, with the intent that the expenses be proportionally shared as to services rendered.

(e) This section shall become operative July 1, 2008.

SEC. 91.5. Section 12529 of the Government Code, as added by Section 25 of Chapter 674 of the Statutes of 2005, is amended to read:

12529. (a) There is in the Department of Justice the Health Quality Enforcement Section. The primary responsibility of the section is to prosecute proceedings against licensees and applicants within the jurisdiction of the Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, the Board of Psychology, or any committee under the jurisdiction of the Medical Board of California or a division of the board, and to provide ongoing review of the investigative activities conducted in support of those prosecutions, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 12529.5.

(b) The Attorney General shall appoint a Senior Assistant Attorney General of the Health Quality Enforcement Section. The Senior Assistant



Attorney General of the Health Quality Enforcement Section shall be an attorney in good standing licensed to practice in the State of California, experienced in prosecutorial or administrative disciplinary proceedings and competent in the management and supervision of attorneys performing those functions.

(c) The Attorney General shall ensure that the Health Quality Enforcement Section is staffed with a sufficient number of experienced and able employees that are capable of handling the most complex and varied types of disciplinary actions against the licensees of the division or board.

(d) Funding for the Health Quality Enforcement Section shall be budgeted in consultation with the Attorney General from the special funds financing the operations of the Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, the Board of Psychology, and the committees under the jurisdiction of the Medical Board of California or a division of the board with the intent that the expenses be proportionally shared as to services rendered.

(e) This section shall become operative July 1, 2010.

SEC. 92. Section 12529.5 of the Government Code, as amended by Section 26 of Chapter 674 of the Statutes of 2005, is amended to read:

12529.5. (a) All complaints or relevant information concerning licensees that are within the jurisdiction of the Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, or the Board of Psychology shall be made available to the Health Quality Enforcement Section.

(b) The Senior Assistant Attorney General of the Health Quality Enforcement Section shall assign attorneys to work on location at the intake unit of the boards described in subdivision (d) of Section 12529 to assist in evaluating and screening complaints and to assist in developing uniform standards and procedures for processing complaints.

(c) The Senior Assistant Attorney General or his or her deputy attorneys general shall assist the boards, division, or committees in designing and providing initial and in-service training programs for staff of the division, boards, or committees, including, but not limited to, information collection and investigation.

(d) The determination to bring a disciplinary proceeding against a licensee of the division or the boards shall be made by the executive officer of the division, boards, or committees as appropriate in consultation with the senior assistant.

(e) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2008, and, as of January 1, 2009, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2009, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.

SEC. 92.5. Section 12529.5 of the Government Code, as amended by Section 26 of Chapter 674 of the Statutes of 2005, is amended to read:

12529.5. (a) All complaints or relevant information concerning licensees that are within the jurisdiction of the Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, or the Board of Psychology shall be made available to the Health Quality Enforcement Section.

(b) The Senior Assistant Attorney General of the Health Quality Enforcement Section shall assign attorneys to work on location at the intake unit of the boards described in subdivision (d) of Section 12529 to assist in evaluating and screening complaints and to assist in developing uniform standards and procedures for processing complaints.

(c) The Senior Assistant Attorney General or his or her deputy attorneys general shall assist the boards, division, or committees in designing and providing initial and in-service training programs for staff of the division, boards, or committees, including, but not limited to, information collection and investigation.

(d) The determination to bring a disciplinary proceeding against a licensee of the division or the boards shall be made by the executive officer of the division, boards, or committees, as appropriate in consultation with the senior assistant.

(e) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2010, and, as of January 1, 2011, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2011, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.

SEC. 93. Section 12529.5 of the Government Code, as added by Section 27 of Chapter 674 of the Statutes of 2005, is amended to read:

12529.5. (a) All complaints or relevant information concerning licensees that are within the jurisdiction of the Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, or the Board of Psychology shall be made available to the Health Quality Enforcement Section.

(b) The Senior Assistant Attorney General of the Health Quality Enforcement Section shall assign attorneys to assist the division and the boards in intake and investigations and to direct discipline-related prosecutions. Attorneys shall be assigned to work closely with each major intake and investigatory unit of the boards, to assist in the evaluation and screening of complaints from receipt through disposition and to assist in developing uniform standards and procedures for the handling of complaints and investigations.

A deputy attorney general of the Health Quality Enforcement Section shall frequently be available on location at each of the working offices at the major investigation centers of the boards, to provide consultation and related services and engage in case review with the boards' investigative, medical advisory, and intake staff. The Senior Assistant Attorney General and deputy attorneys general working at his or her direction shall consult as appropriate with the investigators of the boards, medical advisors, and executive staff in the investigation and prosecution of disciplinary cases.

(c) The Senior Assistant Attorney General or his or her deputy attorneys general shall assist the boards, division, or committees in designing and providing initial and in-service training programs for staff of the division, boards, or committees, including, but not limited to, information collection and investigation.

(d) The determination to bring a disciplinary proceeding against a licensee of the division or the boards shall be made by the executive officer of the

division, boards, or committees as appropriate in consultation with the senior assistant.

(e) This section shall become operative July 1, 2008.

SEC. 93.5. Section 12529.5 of the Government Code, as added by Section 27 of Chapter 674 of the Statutes of 2005, is amended to read:

12529.5. (a) All complaints or relevant information concerning licensees that are within the jurisdiction of the Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, or the Board of Psychology shall be made available to the Health Quality Enforcement Section.

(b) The Senior Assistant Attorney General of the Health Quality Enforcement Section shall assign attorneys to assist the division and the boards in intake and investigations and to direct discipline-related prosecutions. Attorneys shall be assigned to work closely with each major intake and investigatory unit of the boards, to assist in the evaluation and screening of complaints from receipt through disposition and to assist in developing uniform standards and procedures for the handling of complaints and investigations.

A deputy attorney general of the Health Quality Enforcement Section shall frequently be available on location at each of the working offices at the major investigation centers of the boards, to provide consultation and related services and engage in case review with the boards' investigative, medical advisory, and intake staff. The Senior Assistant Attorney General and deputy attorneys general working at his or her direction shall consult as appropriate with the investigators of the boards, medical advisors, and executive staff in the investigation and prosecution of disciplinary cases.

(c) The Senior Assistant Attorney General or his or her deputy attorneys general shall assist the boards, division, or committees in designing and providing initial and in-service training programs for staff of the division, boards, or committees, including, but not limited to, information collection and investigation.

(d) The determination to bring a disciplinary proceeding against a licensee of the division or the boards shall be made by the executive officer of the division, boards, or committees, as appropriate in consultation with the senior assistant.

(e) This section shall become operative July 1, 2010.

SEC. 94. Section 5.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 1725 of the Business and Professions Code proposed by both this bill and SB 534. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2008, (2) each bill amends Section 1725 of the Business and Professions Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after SB 534, in which case Section 5 of this bill shall not become operative.

SEC. 95. Section 11.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 1750.4 of the Business and Professions Code proposed by both this bill and SB 534. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2008, (2) each bill amends Section 1750.4 of the Business and Professions Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after SB 534, in which case Section 11 of this bill shall not become operative.

SEC. 96. (a) Section 12.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 1751 of the Business and Professions Code proposed by both this bill and SB 534. It shall become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2008, (2) each bill amends Section 1751 of the Business and Professions Code, (3) and this bill is enacted after SB 534, in which case Section 12 of this bill shall not become operative.

(b) Section 13.2 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 1751 of the Business and Professions Code proposed by both this bill and SB 534. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2008, (2) each bill amends Section 1751 of the Business and Professions Code, (3) SB 963 is not enacted or as enacted does not amend that section, and (4) this bill is enacted after SB 534 in which case Sections 13, 13.4, and 13.6 of this bill shall not become operative.

(c) Section 13.4 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 1751 of the Business and Professions Code proposed by both this bill and SB 963. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2008, (2) each bill amends Section 1751 of the Business and Professions Code, and (3) SB 534 is not enacted or as enacted does not amend that section, and (4) this bill is enacted after SB 963, in which case Sections 13, 13.2, and 13.6 of this bill shall not become operative.

(d) Section 13.6 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 1751 of the Business and Professions Code proposed by this bill, SB 963, and SB 534. It shall only become operative if (1) all three bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2008, (2) all three bills amend Section 1751 of the Business and Professions Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after SB 963 and SB 534, in which case Sections 13, 13.2, and 13.4 of this bill shall not become operative.

SEC. 97. Section 20.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 1753 of the Business and Professions Code proposed by both this bill and SB 534. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2008, (2) each bill amends Section 1753 of the Business and Professions Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after SB 534, in which case Section 20 of this bill shall not become operative.

SEC. 98. Sections 25.5 and 26.5 of this bill incorporate amendments to Section 1770 of the Business and Professions Code proposed by both this bill and SB 534. They shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2008, (2) each bill amends Section 1770 of the Business and Professions Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after SB 534, in which case Sections 25 and 26 of this bill shall not become operative.

SEC. 99. Section 30.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 2335 of the Business and Professions Code proposed by both this bill and AB 253. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2008, (2) each bill amends Section 2335 of the Business and Professions Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after AB 253, in which case Section 30 of this bill shall not become operative.

SEC. 100. Section 51.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 4200.1 of the Business and Professions Code proposed by both this bill and SB 963. They shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2008, (2) each bill amends Section 4200.1 of the Business and Professions Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after SB 963, in which case Section 51 of this bill shall not become operative.

SEC. 101. Sections 90.5 and 91.5 of this bill incorporate amendments to Section 12529 of the Government Code proposed by both this bill and SB 797. They shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2008, (2) each bill amends Section 12529 of the Government Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after SB 797, in which case Sections 90 and 91 of this bill shall not become operative.

SEC. 102. Sections 92.5 and 93.5 of this bill incorporate amendments to Section 12529.5 of the Government Code proposed by both this bill and SB 797. They shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2008, (2) each bill amends Section 12529.5 of the Government Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after SB 797, in which case Sections 92 and 93 of this bill shall not become operative.

SEC. 103. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.