

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1416**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Galgiani**

February 27, 2009

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An act to repeal and add Sections 2883 and 4532 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to the healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1416, as introduced, Galgiani. Vocational nursing and psychiatric technicians: school accreditation.

Existing law requires the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians of the State of California, through an official representative, to inspect all vocational nursing schools and psychiatric technician schools when it deems necessary and, based on that representative's report, to determine whether to approve the school as accredited or to exclude the school from its accredited schools lists.

This bill would require the board to cause these inspections to be conducted at regular intervals and other times the board deems necessary, and by site visit or review of documents required by the board, or both, as determined by the board.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2883 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is repealed.
- 3 ~~2883. It shall be the duty of the board, through an official~~
- 4 ~~representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in this~~

1 ~~state at such times as the board shall deem necessary. Written~~  
2 ~~reports of the representative's visits shall be made to the board,~~  
3 ~~which shall thereupon approve as accredited such schools of~~  
4 ~~nursing as meet the requirements provided by the board.~~

5 ~~Upon receiving the report of the representative, if the board~~  
6 ~~determines that any accredited school of vocational nursing is not~~  
7 ~~maintaining the standard required by the board, notice thereof in~~  
8 ~~writing specifying the defect or defects shall be immediately given~~  
9 ~~to the school. If the defects are not corrected within a reasonable~~  
10 ~~time, the school of nursing may be removed from the accredited~~  
11 ~~list and notice thereof in writing given to it.~~

12 SEC. 2. Section 2883 is added to the Business and Professions  
13 Code, to read:

14 2883. (a) The board shall, through an official representative,  
15 inspect all vocational nursing schools in this state at regular  
16 intervals and at other times that the board deems necessary. These  
17 inspections shall be conducted by a site visit or by a review of  
18 documents required by the board, or both, as determined by the  
19 board. As used in this subdivision, "documents required by the  
20 board" means only those documents that are relevant to a  
21 determination of whether the school meets the requirements of  
22 this article as prescribed by the board.

23 (b) The representative shall prepare for the board a written report  
24 of the representative's inspection. Based upon the report, the board  
25 shall approve as accredited the schools that meet the requirements  
26 of this article as prescribed by the board.

27 (c) If the board determines that a school does not meet those  
28 requirements, the board shall immediately deliver to the school a  
29 written notice of the school's defect or defects. If the school does  
30 not correct the specified defects within a reasonable time, the board  
31 may: (1) deny initial placement on the accredited schools list of a  
32 school conducting its initial class, or (2) remove a school from the  
33 accredited schools list. In each case, the board shall deliver to the  
34 school a written notice of its action.

35 SEC. 3. Section 4532 of the Business and Professions Code is  
36 repealed.

37 ~~4532. The board shall provide for the periodic inspection of~~  
38 ~~all psychiatric technician schools in this State. Written reports of~~  
39 ~~the inspection shall be made to the board, which shall then approve~~

1 as accredited the schools which meet the standards prescribed by  
2 it.

3 If the board determines from a report that any accredited school  
4 is not maintaining its prescribed standards, it shall immediately  
5 give the school a notice in writing specifying the defect. If the  
6 defect is not corrected the board shall, after written notice, remove  
7 the school from the accredited list.

8 SEC. 4. Section 4532 is added to the Business and Professions  
9 Code, to read:

10 4532. (a) The board shall, through an official representative,  
11 inspect all psychiatric technician schools in this state at regular  
12 intervals and at other times that the board deems necessary. These  
13 inspections shall be conducted by a site visit or by a review of  
14 documents required by the board, or both, as determined by the  
15 board. As used in this subdivision, "documents required by the  
16 board" means only those documents that are relevant to a  
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