

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 453**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Skinner**

February 15, 2011

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An act to add Section 19060 to the Government Code, relating to state employees.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 453, as introduced, Skinner. State employees: scientists.

Existing law establishes rules and procedures to fill positions in state civil service by appointment.

This bill would provide that a person appointed to any state scientist class on or after January 1, 2012, shall, at a minimum, have a baccalaureate degree in a scientific discipline from a foreign or domestic accredited university.

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 19060 is added to the Government Code,  
2 to read:  
3 19060. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a  
4 person appointed to any state scientist class, on or after January  
5 1, 2012, shall, at a minimum, have a baccalaureate degree in a  
6 scientific discipline from a foreign or domestic accredited  
7 university.

1 (b) Subdivision (a) does not apply to any person appointed to  
2 a state scientist class prior to January 1, 2012, and shall not prohibit  
3 movement between positions in the class.

4 (c) For purposes of this section, “state scientist class” means  
5 any class assigned to State Bargaining Unit 10 or any supervisory,  
6 managerial, or confidential class related to State Bargaining Unit  
7 10.

8 (d) If the provisions of this section that apply to classes assigned  
9 to State Bargaining Unit 10 are in conflict with the provisions of  
10 a memorandum of understanding reached pursuant to Section  
11 3517.5, the memorandum of understanding shall be controlling  
12 without further legislative action, except that if those provisions  
13 of a memorandum of understanding require the expenditure of  
14 funds, the provisions shall not become effective unless approved  
15 by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act.

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