

**Introduced by Senator Steinberg**

February 24, 2012

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An act to amend Section 2842 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1483, as introduced, Steinberg. Vocational nursing.

Existing law, the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of the practice of vocational nursing by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians of the State of California. The board is comprised of 11 members, including one member who is a licensed vocational nurse or registered nurse with specified experience as a teacher or administrator in an accredited school of vocational nursing.

This bill would instead require that experience to have been obtained in a board-approved school of vocational nursing. The bill would make other technical, nonsubstantive changes.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2842 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 2842. (a) Each member of the board shall be a citizen of the
- 4 United States and a resident of the State of California. The board
- 5 shall have the following composition:

- 1 (1) Two members shall be duly licensed vocational nurses who  
2 have been licensed for a period of not less than three years prior  
3 to appointment.
- 4 (2) Two members shall be licensed psychiatric technicians, each  
5 of whom shall have had not less than five years' experience in a  
6 psychiatric hospital, or in a psychiatric unit of a hospital licensed  
7 by the State Department of Health Care Services, or a private  
8 institution licensed by the State Department of Health Care  
9 Services.
- 10 (3) One member shall be a licensed vocational nurse or  
11 registered nurse who shall have had not less than five years'  
12 experience as a teacher or administrator in ~~an accredited~~ a  
13 *board-approved* school of vocational nursing.
- 14 (4) Six members shall be public members who are not licentiates  
15 of the board or any other board under this division or of any board  
16 referred to in Sections 1000 and 3600.
- 17 (b) No person may serve as a member of the board for more  
18 than two consecutive terms.
- 19 (c) Per diem and expenses of members of the board who are  
20 licensed psychiatric technicians shall be paid solely from revenues  
21 received pursuant to Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 4500)  
22 of Division 2.