

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1013**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Gomez**

February 22, 2013

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An act to amend Section 320 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to consumer affairs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1013, as introduced, Gomez. Consumer affairs.

Under existing law, the Department of Consumer Affairs is comprised of boards that license and regulate various professions and vocations. Existing law provides that these boards are established to ensure that private businesses and professions are regulated to protect the people of this state. Existing law authorizes the director or the Attorney General to intervene in a matter or proceeding pending before any state commission, regulatory agency, department, or agency, or any court, which the director finds may affect substantially the interests of consumers within California, in any appropriate manner to represent the interests of consumers. Existing law also authorizes the director, or any officer or employee designated by the director for that purpose, or the Attorney General to thereafter present evidence and argument to the agency, court of department, as specified, for the effective protection of the interests of consumers.

This bill would additionally authorize any employee designated by the Attorney General to make those presentations.

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 320 of the Business and Professions Code  
2 is amended to read:  
3 320. Whenever there is pending before any state commission,  
4 regulatory agency, department, or other state agency, or any state  
5 or federal court or agency, any matter or proceeding which the  
6 director finds may affect substantially the interests of consumers  
7 within California, the director, or the Attorney General, may  
8 intervene in such matter or proceeding in any appropriate manner  
9 to represent the interests of consumers. The director, or any officer  
10 or employee designated by the director for that purpose, or the  
11 Attorney General, *or any employee designated by the Attorney*  
12 *General for that purpose*, may thereafter present to ~~such that~~  
13 agency, court, or department, in conformity with the rules of  
14 practice and procedure thereof, ~~such the~~ evidence and argument  
15 as he *or she* shall determine to be necessary, for the effective  
16 protection of the interests of consumers.