

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2102

Introduced by Assembly Member Ting

February 20, 2014

An act to amend Section 2717 of, and to add Sections 2852.5, 3518.1, 3770.1, and 4506 to, the Business and Professional Code, relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2102, as introduced, Ting. Licensees: data collection.

Existing law requires the Board of Registered Nursing, the Physician Assistant Board, the Respiratory Care Board of California, and Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians of the State of California to regulate and oversee the practice the healing arts within their respective jurisdictions.

This bill would require these boards to annually collect and report specific demographic data relating to its licensees to Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development.

This bill would also make technical, nonsubstantive changes.

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. The Legislature finds and declares the following:
- 2 (a) The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
- 3 prepares an annual report to the Legislature on the gaps in the
- 4 health care workforce in California.

1 (b) The Employment Development Department’s Labor Market
2 Information Division and state licensing boards share data with
3 the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development.

4 (c) All regulatory boards collect information about their
5 licensees through the licensing process.

6 (d) California’s regulated health professions collect information
7 that is often limited and not always regularly updated.

8 (e) The information collected is inconsistent among the various
9 regulatory agencies using different definitions and categories.

10 (f) The collection of demographic data on certain allied health
11 professions will allow for the consistent determination of
12 geographic areas in the state where there are shortages of health
13 care workers with cultural and linguistic competency.

14 SEC. 2. Section 2717 of the Business and Professions Code is
15 amended to read:

16 2717. (a) The board shall collect and analyze workforce data
17 from its licensees for future workforce planning. The board may
18 collect the data at the time of license renewal or from a
19 scientifically selected random sample of its licensees. The board
20 shall produce reports on the workforce data it collects, at a
21 minimum, on a biennial basis. The board shall maintain the
22 confidentiality of the information it receives from licensees under
23 this section and shall only release information in an aggregate form
24 that cannot be used to identify an individual. The workforce data
25 collected by the board shall include, at a minimum, employment
26 information such as hours of work, number of positions held, time
27 spent in direct patient care, clinical practice area, type of employer,
28 and work location. The data shall also include future work
29 intentions, reasons for leaving or reentering nursing, job satisfaction
30 ratings, and demographic data.

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

33 ~~(e) The board is authorized to expend the sum of one hundred
34 forty-five thousand dollars (\$145,000) from the Board of
35 Registered Nursing Fund in the Professions and Vocations Fund
36 for the purpose of implementing this section.~~

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

1 (c) (1) *Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the board shall annually*
2 *collect all of the following data on nurses licensed under this*
3 *chapter:*

4 (A) *Location of practice.*

5 (B) *Race.*

6 (C) *Ethnicity.*

7 (D) *Languages spoken.*

8 (E) *Educational background.*

9 (2) *The board shall annually provide the data collected pursuant*
10 *to paragraph (1) to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and*
11 *Development in a manner directed by the office that allows for*
12 *inclusion of the data into the annual report required by Section*
13 *128052 of the Health and Safety Code.*

14 SEC. 3. Section 2852.5 is added to the Business and Professions
15 Code, to read:

16 2852.5. (a) The board shall annually collect all of the following
17 data on vocational nurses licensed under this chapter:

18 (1) Location of practice.

19 (2) Race.

20 (3) Ethnicity.

21 (4) Languages spoken.

22 (5) Educational background.

23 (b) The board shall annually provide the data collected pursuant
24 to subdivision (a) to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and
25 Development in a manner directed by the office that allows for
26 inclusion of the data into the annual report required by Section
27 128052 of the Health and Safety Code.

28 SEC. 4. Section 3518.1 is added to the Business and Professions
29 Code, to read:

30 3518.1. (a) The board shall annually collect all of the following
31 data on physician assistants licensed under this chapter:

32 (1) Location of practice.

33 (2) Race.

34 (3) Ethnicity.

35 (4) Languages spoken.

36 (5) Educational background.

37 (b) The board shall annually provide the data collected pursuant
38 to subdivision (a) to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and
39 Development in a manner directed by the office that allows for

1 inclusion of the data into the annual report required by Section
2 128052 of the Health and Safety Code.

3 SEC. 5. Section 3770.1 is added to the Business and Professions
4 Code, to read:

5 3770.1. (a) The board shall annually collect all of the following
6 data on respiratory therapists licensed under this chapter:

7 (1) Location of practice.

8 (2) Race.

9 (3) Ethnicity.

10 (4) Languages spoken.

11 (5) Educational background.

12 (b) The board shall annually provide the data collected pursuant
13 to subdivision (a) to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and
14 Development in a manner directed by the office that allows for
15 inclusion of the data into the annual report required by Section
16 128052 of the Health and Safety Code.

17 SEC. 6. Section 4506 is added to the Business and Professions
18 Code, to read:

19 4506. (a) The board shall annually collect all of the following
20 data on psychiatric technicians licensed under this chapter:

21 (1) Location of practice.

22 (2) Race.

23 (3) Ethnicity.

24 (4) Languages spoken.

25 (5) Educational background.

26 (b) The board shall annually provide the data collected pursuant
27 to subdivision (a) to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and
28 Development in a manner directed by the office that allows for
29 inclusion of the data into the annual report required by Section
30 128052 of the Health and Safety Code.