

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2165

Introduced by Assembly Member Patterson

February 20, 2014

An act to add Section 101.8 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to licensing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2165, as introduced, Patterson. Professions and vocations: licenses.

Under existing law, boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs license and regulate persons practicing various healing arts, professions, vocations, and businesses. Existing law requires these boards to establish eligibility and application requirements, including examinations, to license, certificate, or register each applicant who successfully satisfies applicable requirements.

This bill would require each board to complete within 45 days the application review process with respect to each person who has filed with the board an application for issuance of a license, and to issue, within that 45 days, a license to an applicant who successfully satisfied all licensure requirements. The bill also requires each board to offer each examination the board provides for the applicant's passage of which is required for licensure, a minimum of 6 times per year.

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 101.8 is added to the Business and
2 Professions Code, to read:

3 101.8. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, every board, as
4 defined in Section 22, within 45 days following the filing date of
5 an application with the board for issuance of a license, as defined
6 in Section 23.7, to engage in the business or profession regulated
7 by that board, the board shall do both of the following:

8 (1) Complete the application review process.

9 (2) If the applicant has satisfied all of the requirements for
10 licensure under the applicable licensing act, issue the applicant the
11 applicable license.

12 (b) Every board that offers an examination that an applicant is
13 required to complete successfully for licensure, shall offer that
14 examination a minimum of six times per year.