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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

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~~ *professions and vocations*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2165, as amended, 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, *as defined*, 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~~ *those* 45 days, a license to an applicant who *has* successfully satisfied all licensure requirements, *as specified*. The bill ~~would also require~~ *require* 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, *unless the board uses a national examination*. The bill would also authorize a person who has satisfied the educational requirements of the licensing act of which he or she seeks licensure to immediately apply for and take the professional examination required for licensure regardless of whether his or her

application for licensure is then pending with the board for which he or she seeks licensure.

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) For purposes of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), an*
13 *applicant has satisfied all of the requirements for licensure under*
14 *the applicable licensing act only if all of the documents required*
15 *by the licensing board for licensure have been submitted to the*
16 *board, regardless of whether those documents are to be submitted*
17 *by the applicant with his or her application or separately by any*
18 *other person or entity, such as for purposes of, among other things,*
19 *verification of completion of the applicant’s coursework, training,*
20 *or clinical experience, if required under the applicable licensing*
21 *act.*

22 ~~(b)~~
23 (c) Every board that offers an examination that an applicant is
24 required to complete successfully for licensure, shall offer that
25 examination a minimum of six times per year, *unless the board*
26 *uses a national examination.*

27 (d) *Notwithstanding any other law, a person who has satisfied*
28 *the educational requirements of the licensing act of which he or*
29 *she seeks licensure, such as graduation from a state-approved or*
30 *state-accredited school of which graduation is required by the*
31 *applicable licensing act, may immediately apply for and take the*
32 *professional examination required for licensure, regardless of*

- 1 *whether his or her application for licensure is then pending with*
- 2 *the board for which he or she seeks licensure.*

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