

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 29, 2016

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1939**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Patterson**

February 12, 2016

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An act to add Section 312.3 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to professions.

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AB 1939, as amended, Patterson. Licensing—~~Requirements.~~  
*requirements.*

Under existing law, the Department of Consumer Affairs is comprised of various boards, bureaus, commissions, committees, and similarly constituted agencies that license and regulate the practice of various professions and vocations for the purpose of protecting the people of California. Existing law requires each of these entities to submit annually to the director of the department its methods for ensuring that every licensing examination it administers is subject to periodic evaluation.

This bill would require the director of the department to conduct a study and submit to the Legislature by July 1, 2017, a report identifying, exploring, and addressing occupational licensing requirements that create unnecessary barriers to labor market entry or mobility.

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

1     312.3. (a) The director shall conduct a study and submit to the  
2     Legislature by July 1, 2017, a report identifying, exploring, and  
3     addressing areas where occupational licensing requirements create  
4     an unnecessary barrier to labor market entry or labor mobility,  
5     particularly for dislocated workers, *individuals who have moved*  
6     *to California from another state*, transitioning service members,  
7     and military spouses.  
8     (b) The report to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall  
9     be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government  
10    Code.