

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2859

Introduced by Assembly Member Low

February 19, 2016

An act to add Section 463 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to professions and vocations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2859, as introduced, Low. Professions and vocations: retired category: licenses.

Existing law provides for numerous boards, bureaus, commissions, or programs within the Department of Consumer Affairs that administer the licensing and regulation of various businesses and professions. Existing law authorizes any of the boards, bureaus, commissions, or programs within the department, except as specified, to establish by regulation a system for an inactive category of license for persons who are not actively engaged in the practice of their profession or vocation. Under existing law, the holder of an inactive license is prohibited from engaging in any activity for which a license is required. Existing law defines "board" for these purposes to include, unless expressly provided otherwise, a bureau, commission, committee, department, division, examining committee, program, and agency.

This bill would additionally authorize any of the boards, bureaus, commissions, or programs within the department to establish by regulation a system for a retired category of license for persons who are not actively engaged in the practice of their profession or vocation, and would prohibit the holder of a retired license from engaging in any activity for which a license is required, unless regulation specifies the criteria for a retired licensee to practice his or her profession. The bill

would authorize a board upon its own determination, and would require a board upon receipt of a complaint from any person, to investigate the actions of any licensee, including, among others, a person with a license that is retired or inactive.

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

3 463. (a) Any of the boards, bureaus, commissions, or programs
4 within the department may establish, by regulation, a system for
5 a retired category of licensure for persons who are not actively
6 engaged in the practice of their profession or vocation.

7 (b) The regulation shall contain the following:

8 (1) The holder of a retired license issued pursuant to this section
9 shall not engage in any activity for which a license is required,
10 unless the board, by regulation, specifies the criteria for a retired
11 licensee to practice his or her profession or vocation.

12 (2) The holder of a retired license shall not be required to renew
13 that license.

14 (3) In order for the holder of a retired license issued pursuant
15 to this section to restore his or her license to an active status, the
16 holder of that license shall meet all the following:

17 (A) Pay a fee established by statute or regulation.

18 (B) Certify, in a manner satisfactory to the board, that he or she
19 has not committed an act or crime constituting grounds for denial
20 of licensure.

21 (C) Comply with the fingerprint submission requirements
22 established by regulation.

23 (D) If the board requires completion of continuing education
24 for renewal of an active license, complete continuing education
25 equivalent to that required for renewal of an active license, unless
26 a different requirement is specified by the board.

27 (E) Complete any other requirements as specified by the board
28 by regulation.

29 (c) A board may upon its own determination, and shall upon
30 receipt of a complaint from any person, investigate the actions of
31 any licensee, including a person with a license that either restricts

- 1 or prohibits the practice of that person in his or her profession or
- 2 vocation, including, but not limited to, a license that is retired,
- 3 inactive, canceled, revoked, or suspended.

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