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SENATE BILL

No. 134

Introduced by Senator Hertzberg

(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Alejo)

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Wieckowski)**

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Cristina Garcia, Santiago, and
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An act to amend ~~Section 69741.5 of the Education Code, and to~~
~~amend~~ Section 6032 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to
attorneys.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 134, as amended, Hertzberg. State Bar of California: voluntary
fee collection: loan repayment program.

Existing law, the State Bar Act, provides for the licensure and
regulation of attorneys by the State Bar of California, a public
corporation. Existing law authorizes the State Bar to collect annual
membership dues and voluntary fees, as specified. Existing law creates
the Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Program, which is
administered by the Student Aid Commission, to provide loan repayment
assistance for licensed attorneys who practice or agree to practice in
public interest areas of the law in California. ~~Existing law limits the
warrants that the commission may award for the assumption of loans
pursuant to that program to the number authorized in the annual Budget
Act for the applicable fiscal year.~~

This bill would expressly authorize the State Bar to collect voluntary fees on behalf of, and for the purpose of funding, the Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Program. ~~The bill would repeal the limit on the number of warrants the commission may issue, as described above.~~

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 69741.5 of the Education Code is~~
2 ~~amended to read:~~

3 ~~69741.5. Participants in this program are eligible for a~~
4 ~~maximum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) in loan assistance~~
5 ~~for four years, as follows:~~

6 ~~(a) For the first year, two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in loan~~
7 ~~repayment assistance.~~

8 ~~(b) For the second, third, and fourth years, three thousand dollars~~
9 ~~(\$3,000) in loan repayment assistance for each year.~~

10 ~~SEC. 2.~~

11 ~~SECTION 1. Section 6032 of the Business and Professions~~
12 ~~Code is amended to read:~~

13 6032. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
14 State Bar is expressly authorized to collect, in conjunction with
15 the State Bar’s collection of its annual membership dues, voluntary
16 fees on behalf of, and for the purpose of funding, the California
17 Supreme Court Historical Society, which advances the science of
18 jurisprudence by preserving and disseminating to the general public
19 the history of the Supreme Court and the judicial branch.

20 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, the State Bar is expressly
21 authorized to collect, in conjunction with the State Bar’s collection
22 of its annual membership dues, voluntary fees on behalf of, and
23 for the purpose of ~~funding, funding, both the administration and~~
24 ~~provision of loan assistance for,~~ the Public Interest Attorney Loan
25 Repayment Program (Article 12 (commencing with Section 69740)
26 of Chapter 2 of Part 42 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education
27 Code), which provides loan assistance to licensed attorneys who
28 practice or agree to practice in public interest areas of the law in
29 this state.

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