

Introduced by Senator Hernandez

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Section 2842 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to vocational nursing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 622, as introduced, Hernandez. Vocational nursing.

The Vocational Nursing Practice Act provides for the licensure and regulation of the practice of vocational nursing by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians within the Department of Consumer Affairs. The act requires the board to consist of 11 members, including one member that is a licensed vocational nurse or registered nurse who has had no less than 5 years' experience as a teacher or administrator in an accredited school of vocational nursing.

This bill would require that the vocational nurse or registered nurse's experience be in an accredited school of vocational nursing approved by the board.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2842 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 2842. (a) Each member of the board shall be a citizen of the
- 4 United States and a resident of the State of California. The board
- 5 shall have the following composition:

- 1 (1) Two members shall be duly licensed vocational nurses who
2 have been licensed for a period of not less than three years prior
3 to appointment.
- 4 (2) Two members shall be licensed psychiatric technicians, each
5 of whom shall have had not less than five years' experience in a
6 psychiatric hospital, or in a psychiatric unit of a hospital licensed
7 by the State Department of Health Services, or a private institution
8 licensed by the State Department of Health Services.
- 9 (3) One member shall be a licensed vocational nurse or
10 registered nurse who shall have had not less than five years'
11 experience as a teacher or administrator in an accredited school
12 of vocational nursing *approved by the board*.
- 13 (4) Six members shall be public members who are not licentiates
14 of the board or any other board under this division or of any board
15 referred to in Sections 1000 and 3600.
- 16 (b) No person may serve as a member of the board for more
17 than two consecutive terms.
- 18 (c) Per diem and expenses of members of the board who are
19 licensed psychiatric technicians shall be paid solely from revenues
20 received pursuant to Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 4500)
21 of Division 2.