
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 2774 (Committee on Business and Professions) - Physical Therapy Board of California

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Urgency: No

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Policy Vote: B., P. & E.D. 11 - 0

Mandate: No

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Bill Summary: AB 2774 is the sunset bill for the Physical Therapy Board of California and makes various changes recommended during the joint sunset review of the Board.

Fiscal Impact: The 2026-27 Budget provides approximately \$7.509 million (Physical Therapy Fund) and 29.4 positions to support the continued operation of the Board's licensing and enforcement activities.

The Board does not anticipate any additional fiscal impact, as the bill only adjusts the statutory fee ceilings without changing actual fees, creating new programs, expanding enforcement duties, or adding to administrative workload. Although the bill increases these statutory caps, there will not be a corresponding increase in revenue until formal regulatory action is taken.

Background: In March 2026, the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee and the Assembly Committee on Business and Professions (Committees) began their comprehensive sunset review oversight of 10 regulatory entities, including the Board. The Committees conducted three oversight hearings. This bill and the accompanying sunset bills are intended to implement legislative changes as recommended by staff of the Committees, and which are reflected in the Background Papers prepared by Committee staff for each agency and program reviewed this year.

Proposed Law:

- Extends the sunset date for the Board to January 1, 2031.
- Provides that should the Board be allowed to sunset in the future, the Board is subject to review by the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature.
- Prohibits the Board from considering a petition for license reinstatement from any applicant to whom any of the following apply:
 - The petitioner is serving a sentence for any criminal offense, including any period during which the petitioner is on court-imposed probation or parole.
 - An accusation or petition to revoke probation is pending against the petitioner.
 - Subject to Section 480, the petitioner has been convicted of a crime that would result in the automatic denial of an application for a license, and either of the following applies:

- The petitioner is required to register pursuant to Section 290 of the Penal Code. This subparagraph does not apply to a petitioner who is required to register solely because of a misdemeanor conviction under Section 314 of the Penal Code.
 - The conduct underlying the conviction was a violation of subdivision (m) of Section 2660.
- Codifies present fees that are established in regulation and repeals outdated fees.
 - Increases various statutory fee caps.

Related Legislation: SB 1302 (Wahab, 2026) is the sunset bill for the Board of Registered Nursing. SB 1302 is pending in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1303 (Wahab, 2026) is the California Board of Naturopathic Medicine sunset bill. SB 1303 is pending in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1304 (Wahab, 2026) is the Board of Respiratory Care sunset bill. SB 1304 is pending in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1363 (Wahab, 2026) is the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology sunset bill. SB 1363 is pending in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1368 (Wahab, 2026) is the Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board sunset bill. SB 1368 is pending in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2771 (Committee on Business and Professions, 2026) is the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education sunset bill. AB 2771 is pending in this committee.

AB 2772 (Committee on Business and Professions, 2026) is California Council for Interior Design Certification sunset bill. AB 2771 is pending in this committee.

AB 2773 (Committee on Business and Professions, 2026) is the California Board of Occupational Therapy sunset bill. AB 2773 is pending in this committee.

AB 2775 (Committee on Business and Professions, 2026) is the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners sunset bill. AB 2775 is pending this committee.

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