

Date of Hearing: August 5, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Buffy Wicks, Chair

SB 1445 (Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development) – As Amended June 17, 2026

Policy Committee: Business and Professions

Vote: 17 - 0

Urgency: No

State Mandated Local Program: Yes

Reimbursable: No

SUMMARY:

This bill makes numerous technical and clarifying changes to statutes relating to various licensing programs under the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA).

More specifically, this bill makes minor and clarifying changes to statutes related to applicants who are licensed in another state and have relocated to California due to military orders, revises fees for the registration of nonresident ophthalmic lens dispensers, and makes updates and corrections to other DCA program statutes.

FISCAL EFFECT:

No costs to the Contractors State License Board, Dental Board of California, State Board of Optometry, Veterinary Medical Board and the Bureau of Household Goods and Services.

Minor and absorbable costs to the Board of Behavioral Sciences, Bureau of Automotive Repair and Bureau of Security and Investigative Services.

Minor and absorbable costs to the DCA Office of Information Services to make changes to the military affidavit and various website updates.

COMMENTS:

This bill is the Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development's annual "committee bill," intended to consolidate noncontroversial provisions related to various regulatory programs and professions governed by the Business and Professions Code.

Consolidating the provisions in one bill relieves the various licensing boards, bureaus, professions, and other regulatory agencies from the necessity and burden of having separate measures for non-controversial revisions. This bill makes changes to acts administered and enforced by boards and bureaus under the DCA. For example, this bill updates references to entities that have recently been renamed, conforms various laws to recently enacted legislation, and makes additional technical changes to clarify or streamline existing law. Most of these changes were recommended by the DCA or a specific program within the DCA.

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