

SENATE THIRD READING

SB 1445 (Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development)

As Amended August 18, 2026

Majority vote

SUMMARY

Makes numerous technical and clarifying changes to provisions of existing law relating to various licensing programs under the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA).

Major Provisions

- 1) Defines terms and makes minor and clarifying changes to provisions of law requiring boards within the DCA and the Department of Real Estate (DRE) to register applicants who are licensed in another state and have relocated to California because of military orders.
- 2) Repeals the requirement for the Dental Board of California (DBC) to conduct a review of the portfolio examination, which has been eliminated.
- 3) Revises fees charged by the California Board of Optometry (CBO) for the registration of nonresident ophthalmic lens dispensers.
- 4) Corrects a typo in the Pharmacy Law.
- 5) Repeals obsolete language related to the registration and oversight of veterinary technicians by the Veterinary Medical Board(VMB).
- 6) Updates erroneous cross-references and makes various minor and technical changes to provisions of the Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Act and the Clinical Social Worker Practice Act.
- 7) Repeals a requirement that the director of DCA furnish copies of the licensing law and rules and regulations to specified applicants and licensees under the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services (BSIS).
- 8) Makes technical changes to the Contractors State License Law.
- 9) Clarifies that an automotive repair dealer may provide a written estimate in electronically.
- 10) Requires fictitious name permit registrants to include the signer's printed name and title.
- 11) Makes technical changes and corrections in the Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation Act and the Household Movers Act.
- 12) *Provides for language to resolve potential conflicts with other pending legislation.*

COMMENTS

As of the DCA's most recent annual report to the Legislature, the DCA consists of 36 distinct regulatory entities, including 27 boards, seven bureaus, one commission, and one program. In total, the DCA oversees more than 3.2 million licensees across more than 280 license types falling within the respective jurisdiction of each board, bureau, or other licensing entity. These

license types range from physicians licensed by the Medical Board of California to hairstylists licensed by the California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology.

This bill makes various changes to acts administered and enforced by boards and bureaus under the DCA. For example, this bill would update references to entities that have recently been renamed, conform various laws to recently enacted legislation, and make 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.

According to the Author

"This bill is the annual 'committee bill' authored by the Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development, which is intended to consolidate a number of noncontroversial provisions related to various regulatory programs and professions governed by the Business and Professions Code. Consolidating the provisions in one bill aims to relieve the various licensing boards, bureaus, professions, and other regulatory agencies from the necessity and burden of having separate measures for a number of non-controversial revisions. Many of the provisions of this bill are minor, technical, and updating changes."

Arguments in Support

The *Dental Board of California* (DBC) supports this bill, writing: "This legislation directly aligns with our commitment to public protection, ensuring that the Board can maintain rigorous licensing standards and enforce the Dental Practice Act in a modern, streamlined manner."

Arguments in Opposition

There is no opposition on file.

FISCAL COMMENTS

According to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations, no costs to the Contractors State License Board, DBC, CBO, VMB, and the Bureau of Household Goods and Services; minor and absorbable costs to the Board of Behavioral Sciences, Bureau of Automotive Repair and BSIS; minor and absorbable costs to the DCA Office of Information Services to make changes to the military affidavit and various website updates.

VOTES

SENATE FLOOR: 36-0-4

YES: Allen, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Choi, Cortese, Dahle, Durazo, Grayson, Hurtado, Jones, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNerney, Menjivar, Ochoa Bogh, Padilla, Pérez, Reyes, Richardson, Rubio, Seyarto, Smallwood-Cuevas, Stern, Strickland, Umberg, Valladares, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

ABS, ABST OR NV: Alvarado-Gil, Gonzalez, Grove, Niello

ASM BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS: 17-0-2

YES: Berman, Johnson, Addis, Ahrens, Alanis, Bauer-Kahan, Chen, Elhawary, Hadwick, Haney, Hart, Irwin, Jackson, Lowenthal, Macedo, Nguyen, Pellerin

ABS, ABST OR NV: Bains, Caloza

ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 15-0-0

YES: Wicks, Hoover, Arambula, Calderon, Caloza, Dixon, Fong, Mark González, Krell, Pacheco, Pellerin, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Ta, Tangipa

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