

Date of Hearing: July 16, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Buffy Wicks, Chair

SB 861 (Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development) – As Amended June 30, 2025

Policy Committee: Business and Professions

Vote: 17 - 0

Urgency: No

State Mandated Local Program: No

Reimbursable: No

SUMMARY:

This bill makes numerous technical and clarifying changes to provisions of law in the Business and Professions Code governing the boards, bureaus, and programs within the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) and the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC).

Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Updates various outdated references to boards or bureaus within the DCA that have been renamed since those statutes were enacted.
- 2) Adds corresponding references to recently established license categories.
- 3) Makes conforming changes to statutes relating to the composition of board memberships that were recently restructured.
- 4) Corrects erroneous cross-references and typographical errors.
- 5) Repeals unnecessary language referring to previous statutory deadlines.
- 6) Eliminates the use of gendered pronouns.
- 7) Makes various additional technical and noncontroversial changes recommended to enhance or clarify existing law providing for the licensing and oversight of various professions and entities.

For a detailed summary of the changes, see the Assembly Business and Professions Committee analysis and the Senate Floor analysis.

FISCAL EFFECT:

After surveying the impacted boards and bureaus, DCA anticipates negligible costs.

The Office of Information Services (OIS), within DCA, anticipates one-time costs of \$2,000 to separate the application fee and initial fee for Dental Hygiene Board. OIS considers this cost absorbable within existing maintenance resources.

COMMENTS:

- 1) **Purpose.** This bill is the annual omnibus bill authored by the Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development 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 relieves 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, primarily technical and clarifying, revisions.
- 2) **Prior Legislation.** SB 1526 (Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development), Chapter 497, Statutes of 2024, last year's omnibus bill made numerous technical and clarifying changes to programs within DCA, and made a conforming change related to fictitious name statements.

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