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The jurisdiction of the Assembly Committee on Business and Professions includes: 1) the regulation of healing arts and non-healing arts professions; 2) licensing and enforcement issues for all boards and bureaus within the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA); 3) creation and elimination of boards, bureaus, and commissions under the DCA (i.e., sunrise and sunset review); 4) occupational licensing; 5) vocational education; 6) certain aspects of the Department of General Services; 7) charitable solicitations; 8) veterinarians and licensing issues; and 9) product labeling (except agricultural and medical product labeling).

Over the course of the 2023-2024 session of the California State Legislature, the Committee held a total of 23 hearings, including four joint Sunset Review hearings with the Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development. A total of 201 bills were referred to the Committee during the 2023-2024 legislative year.

Numerous businesses and professions throughout California are regulated under the Business and Professions Code, the Government Code, the Civil Code, and the Health and Safety Code and fall within the Committee's jurisdiction, including:

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| 1) Accountants, tax preparers, and notaries | 19) Interior designers | 32) Physical therapists |
| 2) Acupuncturists | 20) Junk dealers and recyclers, | 33) Physicians and surgeons and Osteopathic physicians and surgeons |
| 3) Architects | pawnbrokers, | |
| 4) Automotive repair | repossesors, and | |
| 5) Barbers and cosmetologists | auctioneers | 34) Physician assistants |
| 6) Building standards | 21) Land surveyors | 35) Podiatrists |
| 7) Cannabis | 22) Landscape architects | 36) Private postsecondary education |
| 8) Chiropractors | 23) Marriage and family therapists, licensed | 37) Product labeling |
| 9) Contractors | clinical social workers, | 38) Professional engineers |
| 10) Court reporters | licensed educational psychologists, and | 39) Professional fiduciaries |
| 11) Dentists, dental hygienists, and dental auxiliaries | licensed professional clinical counselors | 40) Psychiatric technicians |
| 12) Dietitians | 24) Martial artists and promoters | 41) Psychologists |
| 13) Dispensing opticians | 25) Massage therapists | 42) Real estate brokers, salespersons, and appraisers |
| 14) Electronic and appliance repair, home furnishings, thermal insulation, and household movers | 26) Medical cannabis professionals and businesses | 43) Registered nurses |
| 15) Franchises | 27) Midwives | 44) Respiratory care practitioners |
| 16) Funeral, cemetery, and crematory establishments | 28) Naturopathic doctors | 45) Security and investigative services |
| 17) Geologists and geophysicists | 29) Occupational therapists | 46) Sellers of travel and tour guides |
| 18) Health clubs and gyms | 30) Optometrists and opticians | 47) Speech-language pathologists, hearing aid dispensers, and audiologists |
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Animals

AB-332 (Lee) - Rabies control data.

Requires the California Department of Public Health to collect specified data from public animal shelters as part of their annual rabies control activities reporting.

Note: Held on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-528 (Irwin) - Regulation of cemeteries: pet burial.

Authorizes private and public cemeteries to allow the burial of pet remains with the remains of the pet's owner, as specified.

Note: Held on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-595 (Essayli) - Animal shelters: 72-hour public notice: euthanasia: study.

Requires that all animal shelters provide at least 72 hours public notice before euthanizing any dog, cat, or rabbit with information that includes information about the animal and that it is subject to euthanasia, and requires the Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to conduct a study on animal shelter overcrowding and the feasibility of a statewide database for animals scheduled to be euthanized.

Note: Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

AB-1399 (Friedman) - Veterinary medicine: veterinarian-client-patient relationship and veterinary telemedicine.

Expands the authority of a licensed veterinarian to establish a veterinarian-client-patient relationship and practice veterinary medicine through the use of telehealth.

Status: Chapter 475, Statutes of 2023

AB-1518 (Friedman) - Service dogs.

Requires, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Department of Consumer Affairs to conduct a statewide educational campaign to inform businesses of the challenges faced by qualified service dog users.

Note: Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

AB-1988 (Muratsuchi) - Stray animals: availability for adoption or release.

Authorizes that any puppy or kitten relinquished to a public or private animal shelter by the purported owner be made immediately available for release to a nonprofit organization, animal rescue organization, or adoption organization.

Status: Chapter 96, Statutes of 2024

AB-2012 (Lee) - Rabies control data.

Requires the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to collect specified data from public animal shelters as part of their annual rabies control activities reporting, and authorizes the CDPH to contract out this requirement to a California accredited veterinary school.

Note: Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

AB-2133 (Kalra) - Veterinary medicine: registered veterinary technicians.

Authorizes a registered veterinary technician (RVT) to perform cat neuter surgery, subject to certain conditions.

Note: Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

AB-2265 (McCarty) - Animals: spaying, neutering, and euthanasia.

Declares it the policy of the state that no animal be euthanized by a public animal control agency, shelter, or a private entity that contracts with a public animal control agency or shelter for animal care and control services. Requires an eligible agency to post, 24 to 72 hours before a scheduled euthanasia of a dog or cat, a daily list of any cat or dog scheduled for euthanasia on its public website or social media page and to post a physical notice on the kennel of a dog or cat scheduled to be euthanized. Requires a public animal control agency or shelter that seeks to adopt a policy, practice, or protocol that may conflict with Hayden's Law to give notice regarding the policy, practice, or protocol, as specified, and requires the city or county to schedule a public hearing regarding the policy, practice, or protocol.

Note: Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

AB-2425 (Essayli) - Bowie's Law: animals: adoption, shelter overcrowding, and breeding.

Requires animal shelters to provide public notice on the internet that contains a list of all animals that are available for adoption or being held by the animal shelter, requires the Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to conduct a study on animal shelter overcrowding and the feasibility of a statewide database of dogs and cats, expands the definition of "breeder," and places additional requirements on sales or transfers of dogs by breeders.

Note: Held in this committee without recommendation.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

AB-2954 (Wendy Carrillo) - Cats: declawing procedures: prohibition.

Prohibits a person from performing surgical claw removal, declawing, or a tendonectomy on any cat or otherwise altering a cat's toes, claws, or paws to prevent or impair the normal function of the cat's toes, claws, or paws, except for a therapeutic purpose.

Note: Was not set for a hearing in this committee at the request of the author.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

AB-3029 (Bains) - Controlled substances.

Adds xylazine and its derivatives to Schedule III of California's Uniform Controlled Substances Act (UCSA), contingent upon it receiving the same designation under the federal Controlled Substances Act (CSA).

Note: Held on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

ACR-86 (Kalra) - Animals: overpopulation: spay and neutering services.

Makes various declarations in support of an assertion that there is a pet overpopulation crisis in California; urges state and local action to address this crisis; and resolves that adequate funding for spay and neuter programs and enforcement efforts is urgently needed.

Status: Chapter 51, Statutes of 2024

SB-373 (Menjivar) - Board of Behavioral Sciences, Board of Psychology, and Medical Board of California: licensees' and registrants' addresses.

Prohibits the Board of Behavioral Sciences, the Board of Psychology, and the Veterinary Medical Board from disclosing on the internet the full addresses of record of their licensees and requires these boards to establish an alternative process for providing a complete address upon receipt of a request that is related to a court proceeding against or request for records from the licensee.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 373 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit the Board of Behavioral Sciences, the Board of Psychology, and the Veterinary Medical Board from disclosing on the internet the public address of record of a licensee or registrant.

I appreciate the author's goal to provide additional safety to these providers; however, this bill would serve as an impediment for patients seeking access to their medical records, as a patient would need their provider's address to make a request. Absent access to addresses on board websites or other publicly accessible sources, patients may need to submit a public records act request to obtain the address needed to request access to their medical records. This could result in a significant delay for patients seeking to obtain their medical records.

There are already protections in existing law for providers that work from their homes and seek to maintain their privacy, including the use of a post office box that avoids the need to disclose their home address. The safety of healthcare providers is paramount, but I cannot support a measure that would restrict patient access when effective alternatives exist to protect the safety and privacy of providers.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

*Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom*

SB-1233 (Wilk) - University of California: Western University of Health Sciences: veterinary medicine: spay and neuter techniques.

Authorizes a California veterinary medical school to develop a high-quality, high-volume spay and neuter certification programs program to be offered as elective coursework to enrolled students, as specified.

Status: Chapter 613, Statutes of 2024

SB-1459 (Nguyen) - Animal shelters.

Requires a public animal shelter to update, at least once per month, any data the animal shelter makes available on its website. The bill requires the posted data to include the number of animals taken in during the prior month and the outcomes for animals over the prior month.

Note: Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-1478 (Nguyen) - Veterinary medicine: registered veterinary technicians.

Authorizes licensed veterinarians to include specified information in an order issued to a registered veterinary technician (RVT) related to animal health care services performed on animals impounded in a public shelter.

Status: Chapter 192, Statutes of 2024

Business and Product Regulation

AB-537 (Berman) - Short-term lodging: advertising: rates.

Prohibits, beginning July 1, 2024, a place of short-term lodging, as defined, from advertising, displaying, or offering a room rate that does not include all fees or charges required to stay at the short-term lodging, except government-imposed taxes and fees.

Status: Chapter 805, Statutes of 2023

AB-783 (Ting) - Business licenses: single-user restrooms.

Requires cities, counties, and cities and counties to notify applicants for a business license or permit in writing of the requirement that single-user toilet facilities must be identified as all-gender toilet facilities.

Status: Chapter 223, Statutes of 2023

AB-878 (Pellerin) - Business filings: fictitious business names.

Authorizes a fictitious business name registrant to provide their business mailing address in lieu of their residence (home) address for purposes of filing a fictitious business name statement.

Status: Chapter 20, Statutes of 2023

AB-913 (Petrie-Norris) - Pharmacy benefit managers.

Requires pharmacy benefit managers to become licensed under the Board of Pharmacy and establishes various requirements associated with that license.

Note: Set to be heard in this committee, but the bill was pulled at the request of the author.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

AB-2202 (Rendon) - Short-term rentals: disclosure: cleaning tasks.

Requires property owners and short-term lodging platforms to disclose cleaning tasks that guests must complete while staying at a place of short-term lodging to avoid an additional fee or penalty.

Status: Chapter 510, Statutes of 2024

AB-2228 (Villapudua) - Collateral recovery: notice and disclosure.

Establishes that a repossession agency may send a notice of seizure to the debtor's "current address, if known," rather than their "last known address."

Note: Was not set for a hearing in the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee.

Status: Senate-Died - Business, Professions and Economic Development

AB-2231 (Gipson) - Pawnbrokers: education.

Establishes, until January 1, 2029, the California Pawnbroker Education Council (Council) for the purposes of creating a required curriculum for licensed pawnbrokers.

Status: Chapter 223, Statutes of 2024

AB-2233 (Schiavo) - Building standards: toilet compartments.

Requires the Division of the State Architect to propose building standards for adoption that would increase the number of ambulatory accessible toilet stalls required to be provided for patrons.

Note: Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

AB-2550 (Gabriel) - Business establishments: building standards: retail food safety.

Requires the Building Standards Commission (BSC), as a part of the next triennial update of the California Building Standards Code (Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR)) that occurs on or after January 1, 2025, to adopt various building standards to ease restroom, drinking fountain, and various kitchen requirements for restaurants.

Note: Held on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-2622 (Juan Carrillo) - Contractors: exemptions: advertisements.

Authorizes a person who does not have a contractor's license to both advertise for and perform construction work or a work of improvement if the total cost of labor, materials, and all other items, is less than \$1,000, if specified conditions are met.

Status: Chapter 240, Statutes of 2024

AB-3029 (Bains) - Controlled substances.

Adds xylazine and its derivatives to Schedule III of California's Uniform Controlled Substances Act (UCSA), contingent upon it receiving the same designation under the federal Controlled Substances Act (CSA).

Note: Held on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-3176 (Hoover) - Professional land surveyors: surveying practices: monuments and corner accessories.

Requires licensed land surveyors to restore or rehabilitate any monument or corner accessory that is used as part of a survey to a permanent condition so that it may be referenced and used in the future.

Note: Was not set for a hearing in the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic

Development Committee.

Status: Senate-Died - Business, Professions and Economic Development

SB-683 (Glazer) - Hotels and short-term rentals: advertised rates: mandatory fees.

Requires, beginning July 1, 2024, a person or an internet website, application, or other similar centralized platform that advertises a hotel room rate or short-term rental rate to 1) include all mandatory fees in the advertised rental rate, and 2) include all government-imposed taxes and fees in the total price before the consumer reserves the stay.

Note: Placed on the Assembly Inactive File.

Status: Assembly-Died

SB-1449 (Newman) - California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009: complaint processing contracts.

Authorizes law schools that are exempt from oversight by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) to contract with the Bureau for complaint handling services, if certain conditions are met, until December 31, 2029.

Note: Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

Cannabis Licensing and Regulation

AB-351 (Chen) - Cannabis: license transfers.

Authorizes the Department of Cannabis Control to transfer, assign, or reassign licenses for commercial cannabis activity.

Note: Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

AB-374 (Haney) - Cannabis: local control: cannabis consumption.

Authorizes local jurisdictions to allow cannabis retailers to prepare and serve non-cannabis food and beverages, and to hold and sell tickets to live musical or other performances, in the area of the premises where consumption of cannabis and cannabis goods is authorized.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 374 without my signature.

This bill would allow local jurisdictions to permit certain cannabis retailers to prepare and sell food or drinks that do not contain cannabis, as well as host and sell tickets to live events at their licensed premises.

I appreciate the author's intent to provide cannabis retailers with increased business opportunities and an avenue to attract new customers. However, I am concerned this bill could undermine California's long-standing smoke-free workplace protections.

Protecting the health and safety of workers is paramount. I encourage the author to address this concern in subsequent legislation.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

*Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom*

AB-420 (Aguiar-Curry) - Cannabis: industrial hemp.

Allows for cannabis licensees to manufacture, distribute, or sell products that contain industrial hemp, as well as cannabinoids, extracts, or derivatives from industrial hemp.

Note: Held on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-471 (Kalra) - Cannabis catering.

Authorizes the Department of Cannabis Control to issue a state caterer license that authorizes the licensee to serve cannabis at a private event approved by a local jurisdiction for the purpose of allowing event attendees to consume the cannabis.

Note: Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

AB-623 (Chen) - Cannabis: THC testing variances.

Requires the Department of Cannabis Control to establish regulations to adjust testing variances for edible cannabis products that include less than five milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in total.

Status: Chapter 267, Statutes of 2023

AB-687 (Hart) - California Cannabis Authority.

Requires the Department of Cannabis Control to grant local agencies, as defined, read access to the California Cannabis Track and Trace (CCTT) database, and requires when cannabis or cannabis products are delivered that the ZIP Code of the delivery address be included in the CCTT database.

Note: Held on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-766 (Ting) - Cannabis: invoices: payment.

Requires a commercial cannabis licensee to pay for goods and services sold or transferred by another licensee no later than 15 days after the date set in the invoice, as specified.

Note: Died pending a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee after the committee pulled the bill from the suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

AB-794 (Flora) - Cannabis: advertising and marketing restrictions.

Requires all cannabis advertisements and marketing to include a licensee's name in addition to their license number.

Note: Was not set for a hearing in this committee.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

AB-993 (Blanca Rubio) - Cannabis Task Force.

Expands the membership of an existing task force on state and local regulation of commercial cannabis activity to include representatives of the Civil Rights Department and the Department of Industrial Relations.

Status: Chapter 822, Statutes of 2023

AB-1021 (Wicks) - Controlled substances: rescheduling.

Provides that if any Schedule I controlled substance is federally rescheduled or exempted from the Controlled Substances Act, it will automatically become lawful for health professionals to prescribe, furnish, or dispense under California law.

Status: Chapter 274, Statutes of 2023

AB-1111 (Pellerin) - Cannabis: small producer event sales license.

Requires the Department of Cannabis Control to issue a small producer event sales license, authorizing onsite cannabis sales at state temporary events, to a licensed cultivator who meets specified requirements.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1111 without my signature.

This bill would create a small producer event sales license, allowing cannabis producers to sell their products at state temporary events for up to 32 days per calendar year, with the requirement that all products sold must be cultivated by the licensee.

While I appreciate the author's intent to support small and equity cannabis cultivators, I am concerned that the bill's broad eligibility, which extends to the vast majority of licensed cultivators, would undermine the existing retail licensing framework and place significant strain on the Department of Cannabis Control's ability to regulate and enforce compliance.

I remain open to considering a more flexible and narrowly focused version of this bill next year that can better respond to market dynamics, without imposing a rigid monitoring and compliance framework. Such policies must be considered within the broader context of efforts that are necessary to address the fundamental issues straining the legal cannabis market, such as competition from unregulated sources and improving access to regulated products. It is essential that we prioritize solutions that strengthen, rather than further burden, the existing regulated market.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

*Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom*

AB-1126 (Lackey) - Cannabis: citation and fine.

Specifically provides that the unlicensed use of the cannabis universal symbol is a violation of the Medicinal and Adult Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) and empowers the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) to seize unlicensed cannabis products bearing the universal symbol as contraband.

Status: Chapter 563, Statutes of 2023

AB-1171 (Blanca Rubio) - Cannabis: private right of action.

Authorizes a person licensed under the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) to bring an action in superior court against a person engaging in commercial cannabis activity without a license, as specified.

Status: Chapter 467, Statutes of 2023

AB-1207 (Irwin) - Cannabis: labeling and advertising.

Places restrictions on the advertising, marketing, packaging, and labeling of cannabis and cannabis products.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1207 without my signature.

This bill defines the term "attractive to children" under the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (Proposition 64), and expressly prohibits the manufacture, distribution, and sale of cannabis or cannabis-related products that are attractive to children.

When the voters passed Proposition 64, they enacted robust protections shielding youth from exposure to cannabis and cannabis-related products. Among other things, voters prohibited cannabis licensees from using packaging, labeling, marketing, and advertising that is attractive to children. To further this intent, the Department of Cannabis Control promulgated regulations establishing extensive labeling and advertising requirements to ensure commercial cannabis products are not marketed to children.

While I deeply appreciate and agree with the author's intent, I am concerned that the definition of "attractive to children" used in this bill is overly broad. By prohibiting entire categories of images, this bill would sweep in commonplace designs, and I am not convinced that these additional limits will meaningfully protect children beyond what is required under existing law.

California must continue to refine and advance its regulation of cannabis to protect the health and safety of children. As such, I am directing the Department of Cannabis Control to strengthen and expand existing youth-related cannabis protections - including measures to enhance enforcement of those protections.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

*Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom*

AB-1448 (Wallis) - Cannabis: enforcement by local jurisdictions.

Redirects specified portions of civil penalties collected for unlicensed commercial cannabis activity from the General Fund to the treasurers of localities that brought the action for the penalties.

Status: Chapter 843, Statutes of 2023

AB-1565 (Jones-Sawyer) - California Cannabis Tax Fund: local equity program grants.

Beginning July 1, 2028, requires the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) to use a disbursement of \$15 million from the California Cannabis Tax Fund to assist local equity applicants and licensees gaining entry into, and to successfully operate in, the state's regulated cannabis marketplace.

Note: Held on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-1610 (Jones-Sawyer) - Cannabis: Department of Cannabis Control.

Subjects cannabis testing laboratories to blind proficiency testing and annual audits to ensure consistency of results across laboratories, and requires the Department of Cannabis Control to 1) establish standards for laboratory testing and audits and quality assurance standards for retail products, and 2) keep a record of recall orders on its website.

Note: Held on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-1616 (Lackey) - California Cannabis Tax Fund: Board of State and Community Corrections grants.

Authorizes the Board of State and Community Corrections to award grants from the California Cannabis Tax Fund to local governments that were previously ineligible and requires the Board to prioritize grants to local governments whose programs seek to combat the illicit cannabis market.

Note: Was not set for a hearing in the Senate Public Safety Committee.

Status: Senate-Died - Public Safety

AB-1619 (Dixon) - Pharmacists: drug disclosures: cannabis or cannabidiol interactions.

Requires a pharmacist who dispenses a prescription drug to a patient for use that has major or moderate interactions with edible or inhaled cannabis or cannabidiol products to affix an auxiliary label to the prescription container with that information.

Note: Set to be heard in this committee, but the bill was pulled at the request of the author.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

AB-1775 (Haney) - Cannabis: retail preparation, sale, and consumption of noncannabis food and beverage products.

Authorizes local jurisdictions to allow cannabis retailers to prepare and serve non-cannabis food and beverages, and to sell tickets to live musical or other performances, in the area of the premises where consumption of cannabis and cannabis goods is authorized.

Status: Chapter 1004, Statutes of 2024

AB-2223 (Aguiar-Curry) - Cannabis: industrial hemp.

Allows for cannabis licensees to manufacture, distribute, or sell products that contain industrial hemp and places additional restrictions on industrial hemp products containing tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) or comparable cannabinoids.

Note: Held on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-2540 (Chen) - Cannabis: license transfers.

Authorizes the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC or department) to transfer, assign, or reassign licenses for commercial cannabis activity.

Note: Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

AB-2888 (Chen) - Cannabis: invoices: payment.

Requires a commercial cannabis licensee to pay for goods and services sold or transferred by another licensee no later than 15 days after the date set in the invoice, as specified.

Note: Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

AB-3054 (Berman) - Cannabis: appointees: prohibited activities.

Extends current prohibitions against state cannabis officials having specified financial interests or relationships within the licensed cannabis industry to additional appointed officials within the Department of Cannabis Control.

Note: Placed on the Senate Inactive File.

Status: Senate-Died

AB-3248 (Essayli) - Cannabis excise tax: rate reduction.

Reduces the state's excise tax on purchasers of cannabis or cannabis products from 15 percent of the gross receipts of a retail sale to 5 percent, beginning January 1, 2025.

Note: Set to be heard in this committee, but the bill was pulled at the request of the author.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

SB-51 (Bradford) - Cannabis provisional licenses: local equity applicants.

Authorizes the Department of Cannabis Control to continue to issue and renew provisional licenses to local equity applicants engaged in cannabis retailer activities until 2031.

Status: Chapter 593, Statutes of 2023

SB-285 (Allen) - Cannabis: retail preparation, sale, and consumption of noncannabis food and beverage products.

Authorizes a local jurisdiction to allow for the preparation or sale of non-cannabis food or beverage products by a licensed cannabis retailer or microbusiness in an area where the consumption of cannabis is allowed, if certain conditions are met, and to allow for the sale of prepackaged, non-cannabis-infused, nonalcoholic food and beverages by a licensed retailer.

Note: Was subsequently amended into an entirely different proposal within another committee's jurisdiction.

Status: Chapter 979, Statutes of 2024

SB-508 (Laird) - Cannabis: licenses: California Environmental Quality Act.

Establishes conditions under which the Department of Cannabis Control is not required to serve as a responsible agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Note: Died pending a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee after the committee pulled the bill from the suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-540 (Laird) - Cannabis and cannabis products: health warnings.

Requires the Department of Cannabis Control to regularly reevaluate its regulations and determine whether additional warning labels are necessary to reflect evolving science regarding the risks of cannabis use, and requires the DCC to consult with the Department of Public Health to create a brochure that includes steps for safer use of cannabis.

Status: Chapter 491, Statutes of 2023

SB-622 (Allen) - Cannabis regulation: plant identification program: unique identifier.

Deletes the requirement that each cannabis plant be affixed with a unique identifier at its base and instead requires a unique identifier to be recorded in a manner to be determined by the Department of Cannabis Control.

Status: Chapter 496, Statutes of 2023

SB-820 (Alvarado-Gil) - Cannabis: enforcement: seizure of property.

Establishes a process for the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) or a local jurisdiction to seize specified property where commercial cannabis activity is conducted without a license.

Note: Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-833 (McGuire) - Cannabis licensing: cultivation licenses: changing license type: inactive status.

Requires the Department of Cannabis Control, no later than March 1, 2024, to begin allowing cultivators to select a smaller license type or place their license in inactive status, as specified.

Status: Chapter 886, Statutes of 2023

SB-1059 (Bradford) - Cannabis: local taxation: gross receipts.

Prohibits local jurisdictions, for the purposes of any local cannabis business tax or fee levied on a licensed cannabis retailer, from including in the definition of "gross receipts" the amount of any tax imposed under certain tax laws.

Status: Chapter 874, Statutes of 2024

SB-1064 (Laird) - Cannabis: operator and separate premises license types: excessive concentration of licenses.

Restructures the license classifications and application process for certain applicants seeking to engage in commercial cannabis activity under the Department of Cannabis Control to provide for a combined activities license, which would authorize two or more commercial cannabis activities to take place at the same premises, with the exception of laboratory testing.

Status: Chapter 875, Statutes of 2024

SB-1109 (Bradford) - Cannabis: demographic information of license applicants.

Requires the Department of Cannabis Control to collect voluntarily provided demographic data about individuals applying for an initial license or license renewal.

Status: Chapter 878, Statutes of 2024

SB-1498 (Ashby) - Cannabis and industrial hemp: advertising: civil action.

Authorizes state and local prosecutors to bring an action for injunctive relief and civil penalties against individuals engaged in commercial cannabis or industrial hemp activity for violations of laws intended to restrict the advertising and marketing of cannabis and hemp products to minors, and extends those laws to apply to individuals operating without a license or registration.

Status: Chapter 899, Statutes of 2024

Health Licensing and Regulation

AB-232 (Aguiar-Curry) - Temporary practice allowances.

Authorizes an individual who holds a license in another state as a marriage and family therapist, a clinical social worker, or a professional clinical counselor to provide services for which they hold a license for a period not to exceed 30 days without a California license if specified conditions are met.

Status: Chapter 640, Statutes of 2023

AB-269 (Berman) - Public health: COVID-19 testing and dispensing sites.

Codifies two waivers granted by the Governor during the declared COVID-19 State of Emergency through an urgency measure to take effect prior to that declaration's anticipated termination on February 28, 2023.

Status: Chapter 1, Statutes of 2023

AB-282 (Aguiar-Curry) - Psychologists: licensure.

Authorizes an applicant for licensure as a psychologist to take all examinations required for licensure when they have completed academic coursework required for a doctoral degree, as specified.

Status: Chapter 425, Statutes of 2023

AB-470 (Valencia) - Continuing medical education: physicians and surgeons.

Updates continuing medical education standards to further promote cultural and linguistic competency and enhance the quality of physician-patient communication.

Status: Chapter 330, Statutes of 2023

AB-477 (Waldron) - Legislative review of state boards.

Requires the Joint Sunset Review Committee to make its reports available to the public online.

Note: Was not set for a hearing in this committee.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

AB-481 (Wendy Carrillo) - Dentistry: dental assistants.

Makes various changes to the education, scope of practice, and regulation of dental auxiliaries, including dental assistants, orthodontic assistants, registered dental assistants, and registered dental assistants in extended functions, as specified.

Note: Held on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-602 (Pellerin) - California State Board of Pharmacy: emergency refills: report.

Requires the Board of Pharmacy to submit a report to the Legislature relating to refills of prescriptions without the prescriber's authorization and complaints that pharmacists have failed to refill prescriptions under these circumstances, and requires the BOP to take reasonable steps to ensure that all licensed pharmacists in the state are fully aware of their authority to refill a prescription.

Note: Was subsequently amended into an entirely different proposal within another committee's jurisdiction.

Status: Senate-Died - Rules

AB-633 (Jim Patterson) - Nursing: licensure: retired licenses.

Creates a retired license category for a registered nurse, administered by the Board of Registered Nursing, and permits an RN with a retired license to provide nursing services to the public free of charge in any public health program created by federal,

state or local law or administered by a federal, state, county or local governmental entity if a licensed RN provides adequate supervision, as specified.

Status: Chapter 449, Statutes of 2023

AB-663 (Haney) - Pharmacy: mobile units.

Allows for certain controlled substances approved for the treatment of opioid use disorder to be carried and dispensed at county-operated mobile pharmacy units and authorizes the operation of multiple mobile units within one jurisdiction.

Status: Chapter 539, Statutes of 2023

AB-765 (Wood) - Physicians and surgeons.

Prohibits any person who is not a licensed physician and surgeon from using various medical specialty titles, except as provided, or otherwise implying that they are a physician and surgeon.

Note: Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee's suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

AB-782 (McKinnor) - Pharmacies: compounding.

Exempts the addition of flavoring agents to a drug from the state's requirement that such actions comply with pharmacy compounding standards under the United States Pharmacopeia-National Formulary (USP).

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 782 without my signature.

This bill would exclude reconstitution of a drug pursuant to a manufacturer's directions, tablet splitting or crushing, capsule opening, or the addition of a flavoring agent from the Pharmacy Law's definition of compounding.

While I appreciate the author's intention to maintain the current availability of flavored medication, this bill would create standards for California that do not meet the United States Pharmacopeia-National Formulary's guidelines regarding compounding that have

been put in place to minimize patients' risk of harm.

This bill also contradicts AB 973, which I signed in 2019, which required both sterile and non-sterile compounding in California to be consistent with the United States Pharmacopeia guidelines, which ensured clear compounding standards and provided greater consumer safety. This bill would make exceptions to federal guidelines, which would pose a risk to consumers.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

*Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom*

AB-796 (Weber) - Athletic trainers.

Establishes, until January 1, 2028, the Athletic Training Practice Act and the Athletic Trainer Licensing Committee under the Medical Board of California for the licensure and regulation of athletic trainers.

Status: Chapter 934, Statutes of 2024

AB-814 (Lowenthal) - Veterinary medicine: animal physical rehabilitation.

Authorizes a licensed physical therapist (PT), who meets requirements determined by the Veterinary Medical Board (VMB), to provide animal physical rehabilitation (APR) to an animal patient if certain requirements are met, including that the APR is performed on premises registered with the VMB and that the PT works under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian who has an established veterinarian-client-patient relationship with the animal, among other requirements.

Note: Set to be heard by the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee, but the bill was pulled at the request of the author.

Status: Senate-Died - Business, Professions and Economic Development

AB-826 (Chen) - Podiatric medicine: continuing education.

Deletes the requirement that licensed doctors of podiatric medicine, at each license renewal, satisfy one of the eight continuing competence requirements listed under the Medical Practice Act.

Status: Chapter 122, Statutes of 2023

AB-834 (Irwin) - Physicians and surgeons and doctors of podiatric medicine: professional partnerships.

Authorizes doctors of podiatric medicine to own an equal or majority interest in a professional partnership with physicians.

Status: Chapter 166, Statutes of 2023

AB-883 (Mathis) - Business licenses: United States Department of Defense SkillBridge program.

Expands the requirement that licensing boards under the Department of Consumer Affairs must expedite the licensing application from military veterans to include applications from active duty members of a regular component of the United States Armed Forces who are enrolled in the United States Department of Defense SkillBridge program.

Status: Chapter 348, Statutes of 2023

AB-913 (Petrie-Norris) - Pharmacy benefit managers.

Requires pharmacy benefit managers to become licensed under the Board of Pharmacy and establishes various requirements associated with that license.

Note: Set to be heard in this committee, but the bill was pulled at the request of the author.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

AB-936 (Wood) - Dentistry: exemptions.

Expands an exemption that allows a final-year dental student to provide volunteer dental services without a license to instead allow any dental student who has started clinical training.

Status: Chapter 550, Statutes of 2023

AB-996 (Low) - Department of Consumer Affairs: continuing education: conflict-of-interest policy.

Requires each board under the Department of Consumer Affairs that approves continuing education providers or courses to have a conflict-of-interest policy that discourages the qualification of courses that promote a product or enterprise in which the provider has a financial interest, and requires those conflicts to be disclosed before each course.

Note: Was subsequently amended into an entirely different proposal within another committee's jurisdiction.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-1021 (Wicks) - Controlled substances: rescheduling.

Provides that if any Schedule I controlled substance is federally rescheduled or exempted from the Controlled Substances Act, it will automatically become lawful for health professionals to prescribe, furnish, or dispense under California law.

Status: Chapter 274, Statutes of 2023

AB-1055 (Bains) - Alcohol drug counselors.

Establishes a licensing and regulatory program for alcohol drug counselors under the Allied Behavioral Health Board within the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Note: Was not set for a hearing in this committee at the request of the author.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

AB-1070 (Low) - Physician assistants: physician supervision: exceptions.

Authorizes a physician and surgeon to supervise more than four physician assistants (PAs) if the PAs are only performing home health evaluations.

Status: Chapter 827, Statutes of 2023

AB-1130 (Berman) - Substance use disorder.

Updates various provisions of code to replace use of the term “addict” with the term “person with substance use disorder.”

Status: Chapter 21, Statutes of 2023

AB-1257 (Committee on Business and Professions) - Dentistry: Dental Hygiene Board of California: Dental hygienists: Examinations and licensure.

Extends the sunset date for the Dental Hygiene Board of California until January 1, 2028, and makes additional technical changes, statutory improvements, and policy reforms in response to issues raised during the DHBC’s sunset review oversight process.

Status: Chapter 677, Statutes of 2023

AB-1264 (Committee on Business and Professions) - Acupuncture.

Extends the sunset date for the California Acupuncture Board (CAB) until January 1, 2028, authorizes acupuncturists to supervise acupuncture assistants, as specified, and makes other changes.

Status: Chapter 682, Statutes of 2023

AB-1286 (Haney) - Pharmacy.

Authorizes a pharmacist-in-charge to make staffing decisions in a pharmacy; requires the pharmacist-in-charge or pharmacist on duty to notify store management of any conditions that present an immediate risk of death, illness, or irreparable harm, requires store management to take immediate and reasonable steps to address and resolve those conditions, and authorizes the California State Board of Pharmacy (BOP) to close a pharmacy if the conditions aren't resolved; requires a chain community pharmacy to be staffed with at least one clerk or pharmacy technician fully dedicated to performing pharmacy-related services, except as provided; authorizes pharmacy technicians with specified training to perform additional tasks under supervision, including administering influenza and COVID-19 vaccines and epinephrine and performing specimen collection for laboratory tests; requires community pharmacies to report medication errors; and requires consulting pharmacists to complete a Surgical Clinic Self-Assessment Form every other year, among other provisions.

Status: Chapter 470, Statutes of 2023

AB-1292 (Flora) - Nursing: distance education nursing program students.

Authorizes an unlicensed nursing student who is enrolled in an out-of-state distance education nursing program to provide nursing services that are incidental to the course of study, as specified.

Note: Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

AB-1341 (Berman) - Public health: COVID-19: testing and dispensing sites: oral therapeutics.

Authorizes pharmacists to continue furnishing COVID-19 oral therapeutics to patients who test positive for SARS-CoV-2, without a prior prescription, until January 1, 2025.

Status: Chapter 276, Statutes of 2023

AB-1369 (Bauer-Kahan) - Out-of-state physicians and surgeons: telehealth: license exemption.

Authorizes an eligible out-of-state physician and surgeon to practice medicine in California without a California license if the practice is limited to delivering health care via telehealth to an eligible patient who has an immediately life-threatening disease or condition.

Status: Chapter 837, Statutes of 2023

AB-1395 (Garcia) - Licensed Physicians and Dentists from Mexico Pilot Program: requirements.

Requires the Medical Board of California to issue a license to applicants for participation in the Licensed Physicians and Dentists from Mexico Pilot Program who do not currently possess federal documentation but otherwise meet the pilot program's requirements.

Status: Chapter 205, Statutes of 2023

AB-1396 (Garcia) - Licensed Physicians and Dentists from Mexico Pilot Program: requirements.

Requires the Medical Board of California to issue a license to applicants for participation in the Licensed Physicians and Dentists from Mexico Pilot Program who do not currently possess federal documentation but otherwise meet the pilot program's requirements, and authorizes the MBC to extend a pilot program participant's license under certain conditions.

Note: Died pending a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

AB-1399 (Friedman) - Veterinary medicine: veterinarian-client-patient relationship and veterinary telemedicine.

Expands the authority of a licensed veterinarian to establish a veterinarian-client-patient relationship and practice veterinary medicine through the use of telehealth.

Status: Chapter 475, Statutes of 2023

AB-1552 (Reyes) - Healing arts: foreign dental schools.

Repeals provisions of law transferring the authority for approving foreign dental schools from the Dental Board of California to the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

Note: Set to be heard in this committee, but the bill was pulled at the request of the author.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

AB-1557 (Flora) - Pharmacy: electronic prescriptions.

Authorizes a pharmacist located and licensed in the state to, on behalf of a licensed hospital, from a location outside of the hospital, verify medication chart orders for appropriateness, as specified, and makes other technical changes.

Status: Chapter 141, Statutes of 2023

AB-1564 (Low) - Master of Divinity: physician and surgeon: title.

Clarifies that a person who has earned a Master of Divinity may not display titles highlighting the title “MD” or “M.D.” in a way that makes it unclear that the title is an “M.Div” or “M.D.i.v.”

Note: Died pending a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

AB-1570 (Low) - Optometry: certification to perform advanced procedures.

Expands the scope of practice for optometrists certified to use therapeutic pharmaceutical agents to perform specified advanced procedures after graduating from an accredited school of optometry and meeting additional education and hands-on training requirements, including instruction involving both simulated eyes and live human patients.

Note: Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

AB-1619 (Dixon) - Pharmacists: drug disclosures: cannabis or cannabidiol interactions.

Requires a pharmacist who dispenses a prescription drug to a patient for use that has major or moderate interactions with edible or inhaled cannabis or cannabidiol products to affix an auxiliary label to the prescription container with that information.

Note: Set to be heard in this committee, but the bill was pulled at the request of the author.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

AB-1646 (Stephanie Nguyen) - Physicians and surgeons: postgraduate training: guest rotations.

Authorizes out-of-state medical residents who are participating in guest rotations in approved postgraduate training programs in California or at training sites affiliated with Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)-accredited programs to practice medicine for up to 90 days and receive compensation without obtaining a postgraduate training license.

Status: Chapter 257, Statutes of 2023

AB-1707 (Pacheco) - Health professionals and facilities: adverse actions based on another state's law.

Protects licensed health care professionals, clinics, and health facilities from being denied a license or subjected to discipline on the basis of a civil judgment, criminal conviction, or disciplinary action imposed by another state based solely on the application of a law that interferes with a person's right to receive sensitive services that would be lawful in California.

Status: Chapter 258, Statutes of 2023

AB-1731 (Santiago) - CURES database: buprenorphine.

Exempts a health care practitioner who prescribes, orders, administers, or furnishes buprenorphine in the emergency department of a hospital from the duty to consult the state's prescription drug monitoring program database.

Status: Chapter 144, Statutes of 2023

AB-1741 (Waldron) - Healing arts: clinical laboratories: personnel.

Lowers the level of supervision required for unlicensed laboratory personnel to perform specified activities and expands the scope of practice of the personnel in a licensed clinical laboratory.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1741 without my signature.

This bill would revise training requirements for unlicensed laboratory personnel, change the scope of work authorized, and clarify the level of supervision required.

While I appreciate the author's intent to address the licensed workforce shortage in labs and improve testing capacity, this bill contains a provision that could enable unlicensed laboratory personnel to perform tasks that exceed their level of training, posing a danger to the health and safety of Californians. As a result, this bill could conflict with the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act, a federal law that prohibits individuals who do not meet the specified education and training requirements from performing any aspect of the analytical phase of testing.

I encourage the author and stakeholders to work with the Department of Public Health on a solution that ensures that personnel performing specified testing have the skills necessary to reliably receive accurate results.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

*Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom*

AB-1902 (Alanis) - Prescription drug labels: accessibility.

Requires pharmacies to, upon being informed that a patient identifies as being blind, having low-vision, or being otherwise print-disabled, provide the person, at no additional cost, an appropriately accessible prescription label.

Status: Chapter 330, Statutes of 2024

AB-1944 (Waldron) - Individualized investigational treatment.

Establishes the Right to Try Individualized Investigational Treatments Act, which would permit a manufacturer of an individualized investigational treatment, as defined, to make the product available to eligible patients with life-threatening or severely debilitating illness, as specified.

Note: Was not set for a hearing in the Assembly Health Committee.

Status: Assembly-Died - Health

AB-1991 (Bonta) - Licensee and registrant records.

Requires all healing arts boards under the Department of Consumer Affairs to require their licensees or registrants who electronically renews their license or registration to provide to that board the licensee's or registrant's individual National Provider Identifier, if they have one.

Status: Chapter 369, Statutes of 2024

AB-2015 (Schiavo) - Nursing schools and programs: faculty members, directors, and assistant directors.

Authorizes the Board of Registered Nursing BRN, if it chooses to approve faculty or directors as part of its nursing school and nursing program approval authority, to approve individual faculty and directors independent of the school or program approval.

Status: Chapter 370, Statutes of 2024

AB-2051 (Bonta) - Psychology interjurisdictional compact.

Codifies, subject to approval by the Board of Psychology (Board or BOP), the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) to facilitate the practice of telepsychology and the temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology across state lines for licensees who have authorization.

Note: Set to be heard by the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee, but the bill was pulled at the request of the author.

Status: Senate-Died - Business, Professions and Economic Development

AB-2107 (Chen) - Clinical laboratory technology: remote review.

Authorizes pathologists who review and report digital materials to do so from a remote location.

Status: Chapter 699, Statutes of 2024

AB-2115 (Haney) - Controlled substances: clinics.

Authorizes specified practitioners to dispense a three-day supply of Methadone directly to a person with an opioid use disorder (OUD) for the purpose of initiating medication-assisted treatment (MAT) and requires the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to amend state regulations pertaining to narcotic treatment programs (NTP) to align with federal regulations.

Status: Chapter 634, Statutes of 2024

AB-2164 (Berman) - Physicians and surgeons: licensure requirements: disclosure.

Restricts the authority of the Medical Board of California to require applicants and licensees to self-disclose conditions or disorders that do not impair their ability to practice medicine safely, including disorders for which they are receiving appropriate treatment.

Status: Chapter 952, Statutes of 2024

AB-2194 (Joe Patterson) - Physician assistants: supervision: doctors of podiatric medicine.

Relaxes restrictions on the ability for a physician assistant (PA) to assist a doctor of podiatric medicine, replacing them with any conditions that may be agreed to by a PA and a supervising physician in a practice agreement.

Note: Was not set for hearing in the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee.

Status: Senate-Died - Business, Professions and Economic Development

AB-2242 (Wendy Carrillo) - Dentistry: dental assistants.

Makes various changes to the education, scope of practice, and regulation of dental auxiliaries, including dental assistants, orthodontic assistants, registered dental assistants, and registered dental assistants in extended functions, as specified.

Note: Set to be heard in this committee, but the bill was pulled at the request of the author.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

AB-2246 (Ramos) - Medical Practice Act: health care providers: qualified autism service paraprofessionals.

Revises the definition of “health care provider” to include a qualified autism service paraprofessional.”

Note: Held on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-2270 (Maienschein) - Healing arts: continuing education: menopausal mental or physical health.

Requires the Medical Board of California (MBC), Board of Registered Nursing (BRN), Board of Psychology (BOP), Physician Assistants Board (PAB), and Board of Behavioral Sciences (BSS) to, in determining their continuing education (CE) requirements, consider including a course in menopausal mental or physical health.

Status: Chapter 636, Statutes of 2024

AB-2327 (Wendy Carrillo) - Optometry: mobile optometric offices: regulations.

Extends the sunset date for a registration program within the California State Board of Optometry that allows for nonprofits and charitable organizations to provide optometric services to patients regardless of the patient's ability to pay through mobile optometric offices.

Status: Chapter 391, Statutes of 2024

AB-2442 (Zbur) - Healing arts: expedited licensure process: gender-affirming health care and gender-affirming mental health care.

Requires specified healing arts boards under the Department of Consumer Affairs to expedite the licensure process for applicants who demonstrate that they intend to provide gender-affirming health care or gender-affirming mental health care services.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2442 and Senate Bill 1067 without my signature.

These bills would require specified Department of Consumer Affairs boards to create an expedited licensing process for a subset of applicants based on the type of care they intend to provide or the geographic area where they intend to provide care.

I commend the authors' commitment to addressing healthcare gaps in the state, but I am concerned about the aggregate effect of legislation that seeks to expedite licensure. As the number of applicants who qualify for expedited licensure grows through legislation, the benefits of mandated prioritization may start to diminish, at the expense of potential negative impacts to other applicants. Additionally, the increase in staff needed to ensure expedited applications may lead to licensing fee increases.

It would be prudent to allow time for the current expedited licensure processes to continue so that we can gather data on their effectiveness. This will allow the state to be well informed on the efficacy of this practice before pursuing additional frameworks for expedited licensure and confirm these processes do not lead to unintended consequences on the broader healthcare workforce.

For these reasons, I cannot sign these bills.

Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom

AB-2445 (Wallis) - Prescriptions: personal use pharmaceutical disposal system.

Requires pharmacists to provide a personal use pharmaceutical disposal system to patients whenever they dispense a prescription opioid.

Note: Set to be heard in this committee, but the bill was pulled at the request of the author.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

AB-2471 (Jim Patterson) - Professions and vocations: public health nurses.

Deletes the requirement for public health nurses to renew certificates.

Status: Chapter 717, Statutes of 2024

AB-2496 (Low) - Dentistry: oral conscious sedation.

Allows for dentists to meet existing training requirements to oral conscious sedation for adult patients through pediatric dental residency programs.

Note: Was subsequently amended into an entirely different proposal within another committee's jurisdiction.

Status: Chapter 403, Statutes of 2024

AB-2526 (Gipson) - Nurse anesthetists.

Authorizes a certified registered nurse anesthetist to administer general anesthesia or deep sedation in the office of a licensed dentist to dental patients, as specified.

Note: Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

AB-2566 (Wilson) - Healing arts: counseling.

Codifies, subject to approval by the Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board), the Counseling Compact (Compact) to facilitate the practice of counseling across state lines for licensees who have authorization.

Note: Set to be heard by the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee, but the hearing was postponed by the committee.

Status: Senate-Died - Business, Professions and Economic Development

AB-2578 (Flora) - Nursing: students in out-of-state nursing programs.

Authorizes an unlicensed nursing student who is enrolled in an out-of-state distance education nursing program to provide supervised nursing services that are incidental to the course of study for purposes of gaining clinical experience, as specified.

Note: Held on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-2581 (Maienschein) - Healing arts: continuing education: maternal mental health.

Requires the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN), Board of Psychology (BOP), Physician Assistants Board (PAB), and the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS), in establishing standards for continuing education (CE), to consider including a course in maternal mental health (MMH).

Status: Chapter 836, Statutes of 2024

AB-2651 (Bains) - Alcohol drug counselors.

Establishes a licensing program for “Licensed Alcohol Drug Counselors” and creates the Licensed Alcohol Drug Counselor Board to administer and enforce the program.

Note: Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

AB-2688 (Berman) - Medical Board of California: appointments: removal.

Clarifies that any member of the Medical Board of California (MBC) may be removed by the authority that appointed that member for continued neglect of duties required by law, or for incompetence, or unprofessional or dishonorable conduct.

Note: Placed on the Senate Inactive File.

Status: Senate-Died

AB-2702 (Chen) - Training programs for clinical laboratory scientists and medical laboratory technicians: grants.

Authorizes the California Department of Public Health to, upon appropriation by the Legislature, establish a grant program to provide funding to approved training programs for clinical laboratory scientists and medical laboratory technicians.

Note: Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

AB-2860 (Garcia) - Licensed Physicians and Dentists from Mexico programs.

Reestablishes the Licensed Physicians and Dentists from Mexico Pilot Program as the distinct Licensed Physicians from Mexico Program and Licensed Dentists from Mexico Pilot Program and revises various requirements contained within the existing pilot program relating to the temporary state licensure of medical professionals from Mexico.

Status: Chapter 246, Statutes of 2024

AB-2862 (Gipson) - Licenses: African American applicants.

Requires state licensing boards under the Department of Consumer Affairs to prioritize African American applicants seeking licenses, especially applicants who are descended from a person enslaved in the United States, until January 1, 2029.

Note: Set to be heard by the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee, but the bill was pulled at the request of the author.

Status: Senate-Died - Business, Professions and Economic Development

AB-2864 (Garcia) - Licensed Physicians and Dentists from Mexico Pilot Program: extension of licenses.

Requires the Medical Board of California (MBC) to extend the licenses of physicians participating in the Licensed Physicians and Dentists from Mexico Pilot Program by an additional three years.

Status: Chapter 247, Statutes of 2024

AB-2920 (Reyes) - Dentistry: dental schools.

Requires the Dental Board of California (DBC) to reestablish a program for approving foreign dental schools that have not met the standards for approval by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) and requires graduates of those schools who seek to

practice dentistry in California to first practice for two years in specified clinics and health centers.

Note: Set to be heard in this committee, but the bill was pulled at the request of the author.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

AB-2954 (Wendy Carrillo) - Cats: declawing procedures: prohibition.

Prohibits a person from performing surgical claw removal, declawing, or a tendonectomy on any cat or otherwise altering a cat's toes, claws, or paws to prevent or impair the normal function of the cat's toes, claws, or paws, except for a therapeutic purpose.

Note: Set to be heard in this committee, but the bill was pulled at the request of the author.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

AB-3026 (Dixon) - Pharmacy.

Authorizes the California Board of Pharmacy to elect to continue to waive application of any provision of the Pharmacy Law, in increments of 60 days, following the termination of a declared emergency, as specified.

Note: Set to be heard in this committee, but the bill was pulled at the request of the author.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

AB-3029 (Bains) - Controlled substances.

Adds xylazine and its derivatives to Schedule III of California's Uniform Controlled Substances Act (UCSA), contingent upon it receiving the same designation under the federal Controlled Substances Act (CSA).

Note: Held on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-3063 (McKinnor) - Pharmacies: compounding.

Exempts the addition of flavoring agents to a drug from the state's requirement that such actions comply with pharmacy compounding standards set under the United

States Pharmacopeia-National Formulary (USP), until January 1, 2030.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 3063 without my signature.

This bill would exempt from the definition of compounding the addition of a flavoring agent that meets specified conditions.

While I appreciate the author's goal to address the availability of flavored medication in the state, this bill creates an exception to national standards for compounding which poses a risk to consumer health and safety. This bill would undermine AB 973, which I signed in 2019, that required both sterile and non-sterile compounding in California to be consistent with the United States Pharmacopeia-National Formulary's guidelines. AB 973 was passed and enacted to ensure the state adheres to the federally required minimum standards of consumer protection.

I vetoed a similar bill last year that would have created conflicting standards for California and contradicted AB 973. While this bill attempts to specify the conditions necessary for exclusion, it still contains exceptions to national guidelines, which poses an increased risk to consumers from contamination.

Flavoring is a useful tool for pharmacists to help improve the palatability of medication, and I encourage the author to work with the Department of Consumer Affairs on legislation that facilitates the availability of medication flavoring while maintaining foundational consumer protections.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

*Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom*

AB-3097 (Chen) - Radiologist assistants.

Prohibits a person from holding themselves out as a radiologist assistant (RA) or using the RA title or any other term to imply or to suggest that the person is an RA unless the person meets specified requirements.

Note: Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

AB-3119 (Low) - Physicians and surgeons: continuing medical education: Long COVID.

Requires the Medical Board of California, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, the Board of Registered Nursing, and the Physician Assistant Board to consider requiring licensees to take a continuing education course related to infection-associated chronic conditions, including, but not limited to, long COVID, as defined by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, myalgic encephalomyelitis, and dysautonomia.

Status: Chapter 433, Statutes of 2024

AB-3232 (Megan Dahle) - Licensed registered nurses and licensed vocational nurses: Nurse Licensure Compact.

Enacts the Nurse Licensure Compact, under which the Board of Registered Nursing and the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians would be authorized to issue a multistate license that would authorize the holder to practice as a registered nurse or a licensed vocational nurse, as applicable, in all compact party states under a multistate licensure privilege, as specified.

Note: Was not set for a hearing in this committee.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

AB-3255 (Committee on Business and Professions) - Vocational nursing.

Extends the operation of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT) by four years to January 1, 2029, and makes other changes recommended as part of the BVNPT's sunset review, including changes and clarifications to the school approval process and establishing a "retired" license category.

Status: Chapter 590, Statutes of 2024

SB-233 (Skinner) - Practice of medicine: Arizona physicians: abortions and abortion-related care for Arizona patients.

Establishes a temporary registration program under the Medical Board of California (MBC) and the Osteopathic Medical Board of California (OMBC) to allow for physicians licensed to practice medicine in Arizona to perform abortions or provide abortion-related care in California to patients traveling from Arizona for that care.

Status: Chapter 11, Statutes of 2024

SB-339 (Wiener) - HIV preexposure prophylaxis and postexposure prophylaxis.

Authorizes a pharmacist to initiate and furnish up to a 90-day course of HIV preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP), or beyond a 90-day course, if certain conditions are met.

Status: Chapter 1, Statutes of 2024

SB-372 (Menjivar) - Department of Consumer Affairs: licensee and registrant records: name and gender changes.

Requires a board under the Department of Consumer Affairs to replace references to a licensee's former name or gender on their license and on any website upon request when the licensee's name has been changed due to a court-ordered change in gender or under circumstances that resulted in participation in state's address confidentiality program.

Status: Chapter 225, Statutes of 2023

SB-373 (Menjivar) - Board of Behavioral Sciences, Board of Psychology, and Medical Board of California: licensees' and registrants' addresses.

Prohibits the Board of Behavioral Sciences, the Board of Psychology, and the Veterinary Medical Board from disclosing on the internet the full addresses of record of their licensees and requires these boards to establish an alternative process for providing a complete address upon receipt of a request that is related to a court proceeding against or request for records from the licensee.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 373 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit the Board of Behavioral Sciences, the Board of Psychology, and the Veterinary Medical Board from disclosing on the internet the public address of record of a licensee or registrant.

I appreciate the author's goal to provide additional safety to these providers; however, this bill would serve as an impediment for patients seeking access to their medical records, as a patient would need their provider's address to make a request. Absent access to addresses on board websites or other publicly accessible sources, patients may need to submit a public records act request to obtain the address needed to request access to their medical records. This could result in a significant delay for patients seeking to obtain their medical records.

There are already protections in existing law for providers that work from their homes and seek to maintain their privacy, including the use of a post office box that avoids the need to disclose their home address. The safety of healthcare providers is paramount, but I cannot support a measure that would restrict patient access when effective alternatives exist to protect the safety and privacy of providers. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

*Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom*

SB-385 (Atkins) - Physician Assistant Practice Act: abortion by aspiration: training.

Expands the training options for physician assistants seeking to perform abortions by aspiration techniques.

Status: Chapter 178, Statutes of 2023

SB-607 (Portantino) - Controlled substances.

Expands the existing requirement for prescribers to discuss information about the risks associated with opioid use and addiction when issuing or dispensing opioids to a minor patient to require that discussion to occur regardless of the patient's age, with exceptions.

Status: Chapter 862, Statutes of 2024

SB-612 (Ochoa Bogh) - Speech-language pathologists.

Clarifies that a licensed speech-language pathologist can perform a flexible fiber optic transnasal endoscopic (FEES) procedure if the licensee has on file a written verification from one certified otolaryngologist that was issued before January 1, 2023, and has met specified training requirements.

Status: Chapter 620, Statutes of 2023

SB-639 (Limón) - Medical professionals: course requirements.

Adds a course in "the special care needs of patients with dementia" as an option to the continuing education (CE) requirement for general internists and family physicians who have a patient population of which over 25% are 65 years old or older and applies the modified CE requirement to physician assistants and nurse practitioners.

Status: Chapter 336, Statutes of 2024

SB-667 (Dodd) - Healing arts: pregnancy and childbirth.

Makes various clarifications and changes to the practice and supervision of certified nurse-midwives.

Status: Chapter 497, Statutes of 2023

SB-669 (Cortese) - Veterinarians: veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

Authorizes a registered veterinary technician to establish a veterinarian-client-patient relationship under the direct supervision of a veterinarian for purposes of administering preventive or prophylactic vaccines or medications to control or eradicate internal or external parasites, as specified.

Status: Chapter 882, Statutes of 2023

SB-802 (Roth) - Licensing boards: disqualification from licensure: criminal conviction.

Requires a licensing board that denies an application for licensure based solely or in part on the applicant's conviction history to notify the applicant in writing within 30 days.

Note: Set to be heard in this committee, but the bill was pulled at the request of the author.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

SB-815 (Roth) - Healing arts.

Extends the sunset date for the Medical Board of California until January 1, 2028 and makes additional technical changes, statutory improvements, and policy reforms in response to issues raised during the MBC's sunset review oversight process.

Status: Chapter 294, Statutes of 2023

SB-818 (Roth) - Department of Consumer Affairs: terms of office: fingerprinting.

Makes technical and conforming changes to provisions of law relating to board terms of office and applicant fingerprinting.

Note: Set to be heard in this committee, but the bill was pulled at the request of the author.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

SB-887 (Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development) - Consumer affairs.

Makes various technical corrections, clarifying amendments, and nonsubstantive changes to provisions of law governing boards, bureaus, and programs under the Department of Consumer Affairs as well as the Department of Real Estate.

Status: Chapter 510, Statutes of 2023

SB-1015 (Cortese) - Nursing schools and programs.

Requires the Board of Registered Nursing to study and recommend standards regarding how approved schools of nursing or nursing programs manage or coordinate clinical placements and to annually collect, analyze, and report information related to management of coordination of clinical placements.

Status: Chapter 776, Statutes of 2024

SB-1024 (Ochoa Bogh) - Healing arts: Board of Behavioral Sciences: licensees and registrants.

Revises license display and client notice requirements for licensees of the Board of Behavioral Sciences and clarifies what it means to be a supervisee of a licensed marriage and family therapist, clinical social worker, or professional clinical counselor.

Status: Chapter 160, Statutes of 2024

SB-1042 (Roth) - Health facilities and clinics: clinical placements: nursing.

Requires health facilities and clinics to work with representatives from nursing schools and programs, upon request, to meet the clinical placement needs of the school or program; requires nursing schools and programs to report specified clinical placement data to the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN); requires the BRN to assist schools or programs in finding clinical placement slots; and requires health facilities and clinics to

report specified clinical placement data to the Department of Health Care Access and Information.

Note: Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-1067 (Smallwood-Cuevas) - Healing arts: expedited licensure process: medically underserved area or population.

Requires, until January 1, 2029, specified healing arts boards under the Department of Consumer Affairs to expedite the licensure process for applicants who demonstrate that they intend to practice in a medically underserved area or health professional shortage area, or serve a medically underserved population.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2442 and Senate Bill 1067 without my signature.

These bills would require specified Department of Consumer Affairs boards to create an expedited licensing process for a subset of applicants based on the type of care they intend to provide or the geographic area where they intend to provide care.

I commend the authors' commitment to addressing healthcare gaps in the state, but I am concerned about the aggregate effect of legislation that seeks to expedite licensure. As the number of applicants who qualify for expedited licensure grows through legislation, the benefits of mandated prioritization may start to diminish, at the expense of potential negative impacts to other applicants. Additionally, the increase in staff needed to ensure expedited applications may lead to licensing fee increases.

It would be prudent to allow time for the current expedited licensure processes to continue so that we can gather data on their effectiveness. This will allow the state to be well informed on the efficacy of this practice before pursuing additional frameworks for expedited licensure and confirm these processes do not lead to unintended consequences on the broader healthcare workforce.

For these reasons, I cannot sign these bills.

*Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom*

SB-1451 (Ashby) - Professions and vocations.

Authorizes registered dental hygienists in alternative practice to continue to provide services in an area that has been decertified as a dental health professional shortage area; updates existing restrictions on the use of the words “doctor” or “physician” or similar terms by individuals not licensed as physicians and surgeons; makes changes to the requirements for nurse practitioners practicing independent of standardized procedures; expressly authorizes licensed vocational nurses who have completed additional training to perform certain respiratory care services in specified settings; reschedules the Legislature’s sunset review of the California Massage Therapy Council and clarifies the term lengths and removal process for its board of directors; extends the sunset date on the authority for pharmacists to directly furnish COVID-19 oral therapeutics; requires pharmacists who dispense or furnish a dangerous drug pursuant to a veterinary prescription to offer specified drug documentation as part of their consultation; and makes various other changes to practice acts administered by boards and bureaus under the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Status: Chapter 481, Statutes of 2024

SB-1453 (Ashby) - Dentistry.

Extends the sunset date for the Dental Board of California (DBC) until January 1, 2029, and makes various technical changes, statutory improvements, and policy reforms in response to issues raised during the Legislature’s joint sunset review of the DBC.

Status: Chapter 483, Statutes of 2024

SB-1468 (Ochoa Bogh) - Healing arts boards: informational and educational materials for prescribers of narcotics: federal “Three Day Rule.”

Requires each health professional license board that licenses a prescriber of narcotic drugs to develop informational and educational material regarding the federal Drug Enforcement Administration’s “Three Day Rule.”

Status: Chapter 488, Statutes of 2024

Non-Health Licensing and Regulation

AB-225 (Grayson) - Real property: environmental hazards booklet.

Requires, as existing resources permit, or as private resources are made available, the Homeowners' Guild to Environmental Hazards to be updated and include new sections on wildfire, climate change, and sea level rise, as specified.

Status: Chapter 420, Statutes of 2023

AB-336 (Cervantes) - Contractors: workers' compensation insurance.

Requires active licensees to, beginning July 1, 2024, certify on their license renewal form the three workers' compensation classification codes for which the highest estimated payroll is reported on their workers' compensation insurance policy, as specified.

Status: Chapter 323, Statutes of 2023

AB-342 (Valencia) - Architects and real estate appraisers: applicants and licensees: demographic information.

Authorizes the California Architects Board and the Bureau of Real Estate Appraisers to request that a licensee identify their race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity when an initial license is issued or at the time of license renewal.

Status: Chapter 200, Statutes of 2023

AB-477 (Waldron) - Legislative review of state boards.

Requires the Joint Sunset Review Committee to make its reports available to the public online.

Note: Was not set for a hearing in this committee.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

AB-883 (Mathis) - Business licenses: United States Department of Defense SkillBridge program.

Expands the requirement that licensing boards under the Department of Consumer Affairs must expedite the licensing application from military veterans to include applications from active duty members of a regular component of the United States Armed Forces who are enrolled in the United States Department of Defense SkillBridge program.

Status: Chapter 348, Statutes of 2023

AB-996 (Low) - Department of Consumer Affairs: continuing education: conflict-of-interest policy.

Requires each board under the Department of Consumer Affairs that approves continuing education providers or courses to have a conflict-of-interest policy that discourages the qualification of courses that promote a product or enterprise in which the provider has a financial interest, and requires those conflicts to be disclosed before each course.

Note: Was subsequently amended into an entirely different proposal within another committee's jurisdiction.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-1136 (Haney) - State Athletic Commission: mixed martial arts: pension fund.

Requires the California State Athletic Commission to establish a retirement benefit fund for licensed martial artists who engage in mixed martial arts (MMA) contests in California and requires the Commission to establish the method by which the benefit will be financed.

Status: Chapter 466, Statutes of 2023

AB-1204 (Holden) - Contractors: contracts: restrictions.

Prohibits a specialty contractor from entering into a contract for the performance of work on a single project or undertaking with more than one subcontractor in the same license classification as the specialty contractor offering the contract, unless specified conditions are met.

Status: Chapter 568, Statutes of 2023

AB-1244 (Holden) - Private security services and private investigators: qualified managers.

Requires, beginning January 1, 2025, a qualified manager (QM) of certain Bureau of Security and Investigative Services regulated entities to hold a current and valid QM certificate; establishes requirements for renewing a QM certificate; establishes fees related to a QM certificate; and outlines specified QM-certificate display requirements.

Status: Chapter 571, Statutes of 2023

AB-1262 (Committee on Business and Professions) - Professional fiduciaries.

Extends the sunset date for the Professional Fiduciaries Bureau until January 1, 2028 and makes additional technical changes, statutory improvements, and policy reforms in response to issues raised during the Bureau's sunset review oversight process.

Status: Chapter 680, Statutes of 2023

AB-1263 (Committee on Business and Professions) - Vehicles: Bureau of Automotive Repair: smog check program.

Subjects the Bureau of Automotive Repair to legislative review as if it were to sunset on January 1, 2028, and makes additional technical changes, statutory improvements, and policy reforms in response to issues raised during the Bureau's sunset review oversight process.

Status: Chapter 681, Statutes of 2023

AB-1328 (Gipson) - Cosmetology Licensure Compact.

Enacts the Cosmetology Licensure Compact to facilitate California's participation in a multistate licensing program whereby cosmetologists can receive reciprocity to practice in other states that have adopted the Compact and vice versa.

Note: Set to be heard by the Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee, but the bill was pulled at the request of the author.

Status: Senate-Died - Business, Professions and Economic Development

AB-1383 (Ortega) - Contractors: discipline: noncompliance with child support obligations.

Requires the Contractors State License Board to adopt regulations by January 1, 2025, to suspend or withhold the issuance of a license if an applicant or the qualifying individual, responsible managing officer, or responsible managing employee for the license is not in compliance with a child support order, and requires licensees to notify the Board within 120 days of any court ordered earnings assignment for child support.

Note: Set to be heard in this committee, but the bill was pulled at the request of the author.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

AB-1560 (Flora) - Crematories: change in ownership.

Provides a new regulatory process to transfer ownership of a licensed crematory to a new owner, as specified, and sets the fee to assign a crematory license at \$750.

Status: Chapter 206, Statutes of 2023

AB-1703 (Wendy Carrillo) - State Athletic Commission: boxing.

Increases the cap on the 5% fee on admissions that the California State Athletic Commission may collect from a combative sports promotion from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Status: Chapter 591, Statutes of 2023

AB-1862 (Vince Fong) - Engineering, land surveying, and architecture: limited liability partnerships.

Extends the sunset dates on provisions authorizing licensed engineers, land surveyors, and architects to form limited liability partnerships (LLPs) to January 1, 2034.

Status: Chapter 361, Statutes of 2024

AB-2148 (Low) - Professional fiduciaries.

Establishes a professional fiduciary corporation registration administered by the Professional Fiduciaries Bureau (PFB) and prohibits a superior court from appointing a professional fiduciary as a guardian, conservator, personal representative, trust, or other officer unless the professional fiduciary is licensed under or registered with the PFB, as specified.

Note: Held on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-2166 (Weber) - Barbering and cosmetology: hair types and textures.

Updates existing prelicensure education and examination requirements for license applicants under the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology to include instruction and testing on the provision of services to individuals with all hair types and textures.

Status: Chapter 384, Statutes of 2024

AB-2269 (Flora) - Board membership qualifications: public members.

Prohibits any public member of a board established under the Department of Consumer Affairs from having certain business relationships with a licensee of the board during their tenure, nor within the three years preceding their appointment.

Note: Set to be heard by the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee, but the bill was pulled at the request of the author.

Status: Senate-Died - Business, Professions and Economic Development

AB-2412 (Reyes) - Healing arts: California Body Contouring Council: practitioners.

Establishes the California Body Contouring Practitioner Act, which would require any individual who wishes to engage in the practice of body contouring, as defined, to meet specified requirements and obtain a permit from a private California Body Contouring Council.

Note: Set to be heard in this committee, but the bill was pulled at the request of the author.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

AB-2444 (Lee) - Barbering and cosmetology: licensees: manicurists.

Updates requirements for the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (BBC) to disseminate informational materials to its licensees on basic labor laws and requires the Department of Industrial Relations to develop those informational materials, which would be required to describe changes in the law relating to employment classification of manicurists.

Note: Held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

AB-2862 (Gipson) - Licenses: African American applicants.

Requires state licensing boards under the Department of Consumer Affairs to prioritize African American applicants seeking licenses, especially applicants who are descended from a person enslaved in the United States, until January 1, 2029.

Note: Set to be heard by the Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee, but the bill was pulled at the request of the author.

Status: Senate-Died - Business, Professions and Economic Development

AB-2918 (Zbur) - State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology: licensee information.

Makes technical changes to existing law requiring the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology to update the addresses of its licensees on public records.

Note: Was subsequently amended into an entirely different proposal within another committee's jurisdiction.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-3167 (Chen) - California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009: highly qualified nonprofit institution.

Authorizes, beginning July 1, 2025, a "highly qualified nonprofit institution," as specified, to register with California's Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education.

Note: Held on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-3176 (Hoover) - Professional land surveyors: surveying practices: monuments and corner accessories.

Requires licensed land surveyors to restore or rehabilitate any monument or corner accessory that is used as part of a survey to a permanent condition so that it may be referenced and used in the future.

Note: Did not receive a hearing in the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee.

Status: Senate-Died - Business, Professions and Economic Development

AB-3251 (Committee on Business and Professions) - Accountancy.

Extends the sunset date for the Board of Accountancy (Board or CBA) by four years and enacts technical changes, statutory improvements, and policy reforms in response to issues raised during the Board's sunset review.

Status: Chapter 586, Statutes of 2024

AB-3252 (Committee on Business and Professions) - Shorthand court reporters: sunset: certification.

Extends the sunset date for the Court Reporters Board until January 1, 2029 and makes additional technical changes, statutory improvements, and policy reforms in response to issues raised during the CRB's sunset review oversight process.

Status: Chapter 587, Statutes of 2024

AB-3253 (Committee on Business and Professions) - Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists: licensees.

Extends the sunset date for the Board of Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists (BPELSG) until January 1, 2029, expands the BPELSG's authority to enforce against certain unlicensed activities, and makes various other technical changes in response to issues raised during the sunset review process.

Status: Chapter 588, Statutes of 2024

AB-3254 (Committee on Business and Professions) - Endowment care cemeteries: reporting.

Extends the sunset date for the Cemetery and Funeral until January 1, 2029 and makes additional technical changes, statutory improvements, and policy reforms in response to issues raised during the Bureau's sunset review oversight process.

Status: Chapter 589, Statutes of 2024

SB-372 (Menjivar) - Department of Consumer Affairs: licensee and registrant records: name and gender changes.

Requires a board under the Department of Consumer Affairs to replace references to a licensee's former name or gender on their license and on any website upon request when the licensee's name has been changed due to a court-ordered change in gender or under circumstances that resulted in participation in state's address confidentiality program.

Status: Chapter 225, Statutes of 2023

SB-384 (Bradford) - Barbering and cosmetology.

Requires the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology to establish a remedial education program, in lieu of a first offense of a health and safety violation.

Status: Chapter 603, Statutes of 2023

SB-552 (Newman) - Public safety: pools and spas.

Revises the requirements of a home inspector when conducting a home inspection of a private-single family home with a pool or spa and updates which drowning prevention features may be combined to comply with the Swimming Pool Safety Act (Act).

Status: Chapter 769, Statutes of 2024

SB-601 (McGuire) - Professions and vocations: contractors: home improvement contracts: prohibited business practices: limitation of actions.

Requires the courts to impose the maximum fine when a contractor violates home improvement contract requirements in a declared disaster area and extends the statute of limitations to prosecute misdemeanors related to the unlawful use of a professional license.

Status: Chapter 403, Statutes of 2023

SB-630 (Dodd) - Contractors State License Board: regulation of contractors.

Authorizes the Contractors State License Board to require applicants, registrants, and licensees to provide a valid email address and to automatically revoke a license for failure to fully comply with the terms and conditions of probation.

Status: Chapter 153, Statutes of 2023

SB-802 (Roth) - Licensing boards: disqualification from licensure: criminal conviction.

Requires a licensing board that denies an application for licensure based solely or in part on the applicant's conviction history to notify the applicant in writing within 30 days.

Note: Set to be heard in this committee, but the bill was pulled at the request of the author.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

SB-812 (Roth) - Tax preparers.

Extends the sunset date for the California Tax Education Council by four years to January 1, 2028.

Status: Chapter 185, Statutes of 2023

SB-813 (Roth) - Structural Pest Control Board.

Extends the sunset date for the Structural Pest Control Board by four years to January 1, 2028.

Status: Chapter 507, Statutes of 2023

SB-814 (Roth) - Household goods and services.

Extends the sunset date for the Bureau of Household Goods and Services to January 1, 2028, establishes the Household Goods and Services Fund, and makes additional technical changes, statutory improvements, and policy reforms in response to issues raised during Bureau's sunset review oversight process.

Status: Chapter 508, Statutes of 2023

SB-817 (Roth) - Barbering and cosmetology: application, examination, and licensing fees.

Recasts provisions of law authorizing the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology to charge a hairstylist license application and examination fee to require that the fee be the actual cost to the BBC, not to exceed \$50.

Note: Was not set for a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-818 (Roth) - Department of Consumer Affairs: terms of office: fingerprinting.

Makes technical and conforming changes to provisions of law relating to board terms of office and applicant fingerprinting.

Note: Set to be heard in this committee, but the bill was pulled at the request of the author.

Status: Assembly-Died - Business and Professions

SB-887 (Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development) - Consumer affairs.

Makes various technical corrections, clarifying amendments, and nonsubstantive changes to provisions of law governing boards, bureaus, and programs under the Department of Consumer Affairs as well as the Department of Real Estate.

Status: Chapter 510, Statutes of 2023

SB-1225 (Jones) - Real estate appraisers: disciplinary information: petitions.

Authorizes the Bureau of Real Estate Appraisers (BREA) to, upon petition by a licensee accompanied by a specified fee, remove online posting of disciplinary actions that have been on the BREA's website for at least ten years and for which the licensee provides credible evidence of rehabilitation, subject to certain conditions, and to remove disciplinary actions of any duration that are associated with a deceased licensee, as specified.

Status: Chapter 461, Statutes of 2024

SB-1451 (Ashby) - Professions and vocations.

Authorizes registered dental hygienists in alternative practice to continue to provide services in an area that has been decertified as a dental health professional shortage area; updates existing restrictions on the use of the words “doctor” or “physician” or similar terms by individuals not licensed as physicians and surgeons; makes changes to the requirements for nurse practitioners practicing independent of standardized procedures; expressly authorizes licensed vocational nurses who have completed additional training to perform certain respiratory care services in specified settings; reschedules the Legislature’s sunset review of the California Massage Therapy Council and clarifies the term lengths and removal process for its board of directors; extends the sunset date on the authority for pharmacists to directly furnish COVID-19 oral therapeutics; requires pharmacists who dispense or furnish a dangerous drug pursuant to a veterinary prescription to offer specified drug documentation as part of their consultation; and makes various other changes to practice acts administered by boards and bureaus under the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Status: Chapter 481, Statutes of 2024

SB-1452 (Ashby) - Architecture and landscape architecture.

Extends the sunset date for the California Architects Board (CAB) and the Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) to January 1, 2029, and enacts technical changes, statutory improvements, and policy reforms in response to issues raised during the CAB and the LATC's sunset review oversight process.

Status: Chapter 482, Statutes of 2024

SB-1454 (Ashby) - Bureau of Security and Investigative Services: sunset: limited liability companies: federally recognized tribes.

Extends the sunset date for the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services (Bureau or BSIS), which licenses and regulates security guards, alarm company operators,

repossessors, locksmiths, and private investigators, until January 1, 2029, and makes additional changes to the various practice acts regulating these professions, including language permitting the BSIS to issue licenses to tribes and tribally-owned businesses, and technical changes to the BSIS's scope of enforcement.

Status: Chapter 484, Statutes of 2024

SB-1455 (Ashby) - Contractors: licensing.

Extends the sunset date for the Contractors State License Board (board) and its authority to appoint a registrar until January 1, 2029, and enacts technical changes, statutory improvements, and policy reforms in response to issues raised during the board's sunset review oversight process.

Status: Chapter 485, Statutes of 2024

SB-1456 (Ashby) - State Athletic Commission Act.

Extends the California State Athletic Commission by four years to January 1, 2025, authorizes the commission to establish a process for approving competitors who test positive for hepatitis C, increases the minimum purse to \$200 and authorizes the commission to increase the amount by regulation, requires an onsite ambulance to transport a competitor to the hospital if the ringside physician orders it, and increases the boxing pension plan ticket assessment.

Status: Chapter 486, Statutes of 2024

SB-1526 (Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development) - Consumer affairs.

Makes numerous technical and clarifying provisions related to programs within the Department of Consumer Affairs and makes a conforming change related to fictitious name statements.

Status: Chapter 497, Statutes of 2024

Other

AB-38 (Lee) - Light pollution control.

Requires, beginning January 1, 2024, a state agency to ensure newly installed outdoor lighting fixtures on state-owned, -leased, or -managed structures meet specified requirements with the goal of minimizing energy use and light pollution and preserving the natural night environment.

Note: Held on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-1918 (Wood) - State building standards: solar-ready requirement: exemption.

Exempts a building constructed in the service territory of the Trinity Public Utility District (TPUD) from the requirement that such a building be solar ready or have photovoltaic and battery storage systems installed.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1918 without my signature.

This bill would provide a narrow statutory exemption from the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Standards) solar ready and battery storage system installation requirements in the Trinity Public Utilities District (PUD).

While I recognize that Trinity PUD is unique among all utilities in the state in being served by 100 percent clean, large hydroelectric power, this bill is unnecessary. The California Energy Commission (CEC) has approved Trinity PUD's applications for administrative exemptions from the solar ready and battery storage system requirements over multiple Standards cycles.

Further, the CEC recently adopted an administrative pathway, as part of the 2025 Standards, to lower the burden of Trinity PUD's re-application process when triennial updates to the Standards occur. The CEC's adopted pathway is more broadly applicable than this legislation, achieves the same outcome for Trinity PUD, and thoughtfully balances the objectives of the Standards - lowering consumer energy costs, reducing energy consumption, and avoiding greenhouse gas emissions.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

*Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom*

SB-816 (Roth) - Professions and vocations.

Raises several types of licensing fees imposed by the Board of Psychology, Board of Pharmacy, Board of Accountancy, and the Landscape Architects Technical Committee; makes clarifying changes pertaining to the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT) and Veterinary Medical Board (VMB); extends the requirement for a junk dealer seeking a weighmaster license to furnish additional information and pay an additional annual fee; and makes numerous technical changes, statutory improvements, and policy reforms raised during the California Council for Interior Design Certification's (CCIDC) sunset review in 2022.

Status: Chapter 723, Statutes of 2023