


MEMORANDUM

DATE	April 9, 2017
TO	Board of Psychology
FROM	 Cherise Burns Central Services Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #4(b)(1)(B)(8) – AB 349 (McCarty) Civil Service: Veterans' Preferences: Special Immigrant Visas

Background:

This bill would include any person who assisted the United States military and was issued a specified special immigrant visa in the definition of "veteran" for the purposes of granting preferences under the State's civil service hiring process as required under the State Civil Service Act.

This bill previously would have required boards to expedite processing of and assist individuals with completion of their initial application for licensure if they had a specified special immigrant visa.

Location: Assembly

Status: 04/06/2017 referred to the Committees on Veterans Affairs and Public Employees, Retirement, and Social Security

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch AB 349 (McCarty) for impacts on the Board's hiring processes.

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AB-349 Civil service: veterans' preferences: special immigrant visas. (2017-2018)

SECTION 1. *Section 18973 of the Government Code is amended to read:*

18973. For purposes of this article, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) "Veteran" ~~has the same meaning as defined in Section 18540.4.~~ *means any person who has served full time in the Armed Forces in time of national emergency or state military emergency or during any expedition of the Armed Forces and who has been discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable or any person who assisted the United States military and was issued a special immigrant visa pursuant to Section 1059 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109-163) or Section 1244 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181).*

(b) "Disabled veteran" ~~has the same meaning-~~ *means any veteran as defined in Section 18541, subdivision (a) who is currently declared by the United States Veterans Administration to be 10 percent or more disabled as a result of service in the Armed Forces. Proof of disability shall be deemed conclusive if it is of record in the United States Veterans Administration.*

(c) "100 percent disabled veteran" *means any veteran as defined in this section who is currently declared by the United States Veterans Administration to be 100 percent disabled as a result of his or her service.*