


MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 25, 2017
TO	Board of Psychology
FROM	 Cherise Burns Central Services Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #5(b)(2)(H) – AB 349 (McCarty) Civil Service: Preference: Special Immigrant Visa Holder

Background:

This bill would authorize any person who assisted the United States military and was issued a specified special immigrant visa to be ranked in the top of the resulting eligibility list if he or she achieves a passing score on an entrance examination in the State's civil service hiring process, except for in specified circumstances.

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.

On June 14, the bill was amended to require the special immigrant visa holder to be ranked in the next highest group on the list whenever a veteran, widow, widower of a veteran, or the spouse of a 100 percent disabled veteran is in the top rank.

Board staff spoke with the author's office and was informed that the bill is now a 2-year bill and will not be moving for the remainder of this legislative year. Staff will continue to watch the bill until it is taken up next year.

Location: Senate Committee on Judiciary

Status: 6/21/2017 Hearing canceled at the request of author

Votes: 6/12/2017 Senate Public Employment and Retirement (4-1-0)
 5/15/2017 Assembly Floor (41-30-9)
 5/10/2017 Assembly Committee on Appropriations (12-5-0)
 4/27/2017 Assembly Committee on Public Employees, Retirement, and Social Security (4-0-3)
 4/6/2017 Assembly Committee on Rules (9-0-2)

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.