


MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 25, 2017
TO	Board of Psychology
FROM	 Cherise Burns Central Services Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #5(b)(2)(K) – AB 456 (Thurmond) Healing Arts: Associate Clinical Social Workers

Background:

This bill would authorize postgraduate hours of experience to be credited toward licensure requirements so long as the person applies for registration as an associate clinical social worker within 90 days of being granted the qualifying master's or doctoral degree and is granted an associate clinical social worker registration by the Board of Behavioral Science. The bill would also prohibit an applicant from being employed or volunteering in a private practice until the applicant is granted registration by the Board of Behavioral Science.

This bill is now a two year bill and staff will follow it through the next legislative session.

Location: Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development

Status: 6/13/2017 Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Votes: 5/04/2017 Assembly Floor (76-0-4)
4/26/2017 Assembly Committee on Appropriations (16-0-1)
4/04/2017 Assembly Committee on Business and Professions (15-0-1)

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch AB 456 (Thurmond) for impacts on psychologists that supervise these individuals.