


MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 31, 2017
TO	Board of Psychology
FROM	 Jason Glasspiegel Central Services Coordinator
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #19(b)(1)(D) – SB 547 (Hill) Professions and Vocations: Weights and Measures

Background:

SB 547 would remove the specification in statute for who can pay the psychological assistant registration fee to the Board and would specify that the delinquency for Board licensees is 50 percent of the renewal fee for each license type, not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150). This bill would also make various changes to provisions for the Board of Accountancy.

SB 547 is the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development Omnibus Bill, which includes the provisions from the Board's revised Omnibus Proposal as adopted at the April 21 Board Teleconference Meeting with the psychological assistant fee changes and changes to the delinquency fee.

Location: Secretary of State

Status: 10/02/17 Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 429, Statutes of 2017

Votes:

- 9/15/2017 Senate Floor (34-2-4)
- 9/15/2017 Assembly Floor (74-4-1)
- 9/15/2017 Senate Committee on Business Professions and Economic Development (8-0-1)
- 9/01/2017 Assembly Committee on Appropriations (13-0-4)
- 7/11/2017 Assembly Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection (9-1-0)
- 6/27/2017 Assembly Committee on Business and Professions (16-0-0)
- 5/30/2017 Senate Floor (40-0-0)
- 4/24/2017 Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development (8-0-1)

Action Requested:

This item is for informational purposes only. No action is requested at this time.

Attachment A: SB 547 (Hill) Advisory

**LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY: SB 547 (HILL) – CHAPTER 429, STATUTES OF 2017 –
PROFESSIONS AND VOCATIONS: WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

Attention Board of Psychology Stakeholders:

Senate Bill 547 (Hill) was signed by Governor Brown on October 2, 2017, and becomes effective January 1, 2018. This legislation amends Section 2987 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to the delinquent renewal fee for a psychologist, and clarifies payment for the psychological assistant registration.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES:

Effective January 1, 2018, this bill amends existing law to increase the delinquency fee for a licensed psychologist renewing his or her license to 50% of the fee for each license type, not to exceed \$150. This effectively increases the delinquency fee for a licensed psychologist renewing as active to \$150, and the delinquency fee for a psychologist renewing as inactive to \$20.00.

The updated delinquency fee will affect any licensee who renews on or after January 1, 2018, a license that is in an expired status, regardless of when the license expired.

Additionally, this bill clarifies that the Board of Psychology (Board) does not specify who must pay a psychological assistant registration or renewal fee. The Board understands that the payment of the fee will depend on the specific employment situation of the psychological assistant, and therefore the change in law was made so as to not specify who the responsible party should be to pay the fee.

WHO THIS WILL IMPACT

- Any licensed psychologist whose license is in an expired status as of January 1, 2018.
- Any licensed psychologist who has a license that expires on or after January 1, 2018.
- Any licensed psychologist who is a primary supervisor.
- All psychological assistants.