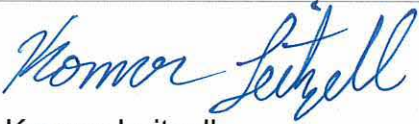


## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	March 2, 2017
<b>TO</b>	Policy and Advocacy Committee
<b>FROM</b>	 Konnor Leitzell Central Services Student Assistant
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Agenda Item #7 (a)(ii)(W) – AB 1456 (Low) Professional licensure

### **Background:**

Existing law prohibits the licensure requirements for professional personnel, including psychologists, marriage and family therapists, clinical social workers, and professional clinical counselors, in the state and other governmental health facilities licensed by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) from being less than for those professional personnel in health facilities under private ownership. These departments can waive that requirement for persons in the profession of psychology who are gaining qualifying experience for licensure in that profession, but prohibits the waiver from exceeding 3 years from the date the employment commences with the CDPH or DHCS licensed facility.

This bill would extend the applicable time for those waivers to 5 years at CDPH licensed facilities, and conforms the subsection relating to professionals recruited from outside the state to match the 5-year limit for in-state recruited professionals at DHCS licensed facilities.

**Location:** Assembly

**Status:** 02/17/17 Introduced

### **Action Requested:**

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch AB 1456 (Low).