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| DATE | July 25, 2017 |
| TO | Board of Psychology |
| FROM |  Konnor Leitzell Student Assistant |
| SUBJECT | Agenda Item #5(b)(2)(R) – AB 508 (Santiago) Health Care Practitioners: Student Loans |

Background:

Under current law, licensing boards are authorized to cite and fine a currently licensed health care practitioner who is in default on a United States Department of Health and Human Services education loan, including Health Education Assistance Loan. Existing law also authorizes a board to deny an application for licensure or deny renewal of licensure until the loan is cleared or until the applicant or licensee has made satisfactory repayment arrangements.

This bill would remove the provisions authorizing boards to cite and fine a licensee or deny an initial license or renewal on the basis of default on a United States Department of Health and Human Services education loan, including a Health Education Assistance Loan.

Location: Senate Floor

Status: 6/27/2017 Ordered third reading

Votes: 6/05/2017 Senate Business Professions and Economic Development (9-0-0)
5/04/2017 Assembly Floor (76-0-4)
4/26/2017 Assembly Committee on Appropriations (16-0-1)
4/18/2017 Assembly Committee on Higher Education (12-0-1)
4/04/2017 Assembly Committee on Business and Professions (14-0-2)

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch AB 508 (Santiago) due to its potential impact on the removal of this provision. According to the Enforcement Unit, the Board has not used this provision to cite and fine or take enforcement action against a licensee.