

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: 08/06/2012
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: SB 1237
AUTHOR: Price, Curren

BILL SUMMARY: Professions: pharmacists, court reporters, and Transcript Reimbursement Fund: sunset dates.

This bill would extend the sunset date for various regulatory boards and bureaus within the California Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA). Additionally, this bill would extend the investigation provisions under the Medical Practice Act.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The DCA indicates that this bill would not result in additional costs.

Any local government costs resulting from the mandate in this measure would not be state-reimbursable because the mandate only involves the definition of a crime or the penalty for conviction of a crime.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Amendments to this bill since our analysis of the July 5, 2012 version are minor and do not alter our position.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is neutral on this bill. This bill is necessary to extend the authority of the California Medical Board, the Naturopathic Medicine Committee, the Physical Therapy Board, the Board of Pharmacy, the Court Reporters Board, the Transcript Reimbursement Fund and the Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair, Home Furnishings, and Thermal Insulation, which are all set to expire on January 1, 2013. This bill would also extend the investigation provisions of the Medical Practice Act.

Current law:

- Establishes the vertical enforcement model for the California Medical Board with a sunset date of January 1, 2013. The vertical enforcement model assigns complaints to medical board investigators and to deputy attorney generals at the same time.
- Provides for the licensure and regulation of naturopathic doctors by the Naturopathic Medicine Committee, which sunsets January 1, 2013.
- Provides for the licensure and regulation of physical therapists by the Physical Therapy Board of California, which sunsets January 1, 2013.
- Provides for the licensure and regulation of pharmacies, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, wholesalers of dangerous drugs or devices, and others by the State Board of Pharmacy, which sunsets January 1, 2013.

Analyst/Principal (0221) J.Carosone	Date	Program Budget Manager Lisa Ann Mangat	Date
Department Deputy Director		Date	
Governor's Office:	By:	Date:	Position Approved _____ Position Disapproved _____
BILL ANALYSIS			Form DF-43 (Rev 03/95 Buff)

Price, Curren

08/06/2012

SB 1237

COMMENTS (continued)

- Provides for the licensure and regulation of court reporters by the Court Reporters Board, which sunsets January 1, 2013.
- Requires certain fees and revenues collected by the Court Reporters Board to be deposited into the Transcript Reimbursement Fund to provide reimbursement for the cost of providing shorthand reporting services to low-income litigants in civil cases. The Court Reporters Board transfers \$300,000 annually from the Court Reporters Fund to the Transcript Reimbursement Fund. Chapter 518, Statutes of 2010 (SB 1181), expanded, as a two-year limited-term pilot program, the Transcript Reimbursement Fund program to include indigent individuals representing themselves in civil cases.
- Provides for the licensure and regulation of electronic and appliance services dealers and service contractors by the Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair, Home Furnishings, and Thermal Insulation, which sunsets on January 1, 2013.
- Establishes the Health Quality Enforcement Section within the Department of Justice for the purpose of investigating and prosecuting licensees and applicants of various healing arts boards within the DCA.

This bill would:

- Extend the authorization for the vertical enforcement model, the Naturopathic Medicine Committee, and the Physical Therapy Board to January 1, 2014.
- Extend the authorization for the State Board of Pharmacy, Court Reporters Board, and the Transcript Reimbursement Fund until January 1, 2017.
- Extend the authorization for the Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair, Home Furnishings, and Thermal Insulation and associated fees until January 1, 2015.
- Extend the operation of the Health Quality Enforcement Section until January 1, 2014.

According to the author's office, this bill seeks to extend the sunset date for various boards and makes technical and clarifying changes.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)					Fund Code
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)					
	CO	PROP					
	RV	98	FC	2012-2013 FC	2013-2014 FC	2014-2015	
1110/ConAfr-ReqBd	SO	No		----- No/Minor Fiscal Impact -----			0494
1111/ConAfr-BurPg	SO	No		----- No/Minor Fiscal Impact -----			0325
8885/Comm St Mndt	LA	No		----- See Fiscal Summary -----			0001
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>						
0001	General Fund						
0325	Electronic and Appliance Repair Fund						
0494	Other - Unallocated Special Funds						