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BILL SUMMARY

- AB 178 Bonilla (Chapter 429, Statutes of 2015)
BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSING & PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS
Removed the requirement that the executive officer of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT) be a licensed vocational nurse, registered nurse, or psychiatric technician.
- AB 179 Bonilla (Chaptered 510, Statutes of 2015)
HEALING ARTS
Extended the licensing, regulatory, and enforcement authority of the Dental Board of California (Board) until January 1, 2020. Made several amendments to the provisions of the Dental Practice Act including but not limited to: increase in the statutorily authorized fee maximums relating to dentist and dental assistant licensure and permitting fees, collection of email addresses, and review of the registered dental assistant practical examination. Additionally, provided that it is not professional misconduct if a healing arts licensee engages in consensual sexual conduct with his or her spouse when that licensee provides medical treatment and extended the operation of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT).
- AB 502 Chau (Chapter 516, Statutes of 2015)
DENTAL HYGIENE
Amended the Dental Hygiene Practice Act and the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation Act; authorized a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice to incorporate with licensed dentists, registered dental assistants, registered dental hygienists, registered dental hygienists in extended functions, and other registered dental hygienists in alternative practice; and required licensees to practice within their scope of license.
- AB 880 Ridley-Thomas (Chapter 409, Statutes of 2015)
DENTISTRY: LICENSURE: EXEMPTION
Authorized students enrolled in their final year at a California dental school, approved by the Dental Board of California, to practice dentistry under the supervision of licensed dentists at free sponsored events.
- AB 2235 Thurmond (Chapter 519, Statutes of 2016)
BOARD OF DENTISTRY: PEDIATRIC ANESTHESIA: COMMITTEE
"Caleb's Law" requires the Board to submit a report to the legislature by January 1, 2017 on whether current statutes and regulations for the administration and monitoring of pediatric anesthesia in dentistry provide adequate protection for pediatric dental patients. Requires the Board to make the report publicly available on the Board's website and to provide a

report on pediatric deaths related to general anesthesia in dentistry during its sunset review. Furthermore, it requires licensees to report certain data points on Board approved form(s) when a death of a patient occurs and requires written informed consent in case of a minor.

- AB 2331 Dababneh (Chapter 572, Statutes of 2016)
DENTISTRY: APPLICANTS TO PRACTICE
Authorizes the Board to recognize the American Dental Examining Board's (ADEX) examination as an additional pathway to licensure. Prior to recognition or acceptance of the ADEX exam, the exam itself must undergo an Occupational Analysis and a Psychometric Evaluation to determine compliance with the requirements of Business and Professions Code Section 139. Once, the Board receives approval by the Office of Professional Examination Services that the ADEX examination satisfies the requirements of Section 139, the Board is to recognize the ADEX exam as an additional pathway to licensure. Permits the Department of Finance to accept funds for the purposes of reviewing and analyzing the ADEX exam.
- AB 2485 Santiago (Chapter 575, Statutes of 2016)
DENTAL CORPS LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM
This bill contains an urgency clause and makes various revisions to the current existing dental loan repayment program specifically relating to the timeframe of disbursement, the payee, and other provisions relating to eligibility, application, selection, and placement.
- AB 2859 Low (Chapter 473, Statutes of 2016)
PROFESSIONS AND VOCATIONS: RETIRED CATEGORY: LICENSES
Authorizes Boards to establish a retired license category by regulation for those licensees who are not actively engaged in the practice of their profession.
- SB 482 Lara (Chapter 708, Statutes of 2016)
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES: CURES DATABASE
Requires the licensees who are prescribers of Schedule II or Schedule III controlled substances to consult with the CURES database before prescribing controlled substance to patient for the first time and once every four months thereafter if the substance remains part of the patient's treatment. Also, it prohibits the prescriber in prescribing additional Schedule II or Schedule III controlled substances to a patient who already has an existing prescription until there is a legitimate need for it. Additionally, this bill provides that a prescriber is not in violation if he or she is unable to check the CURES system under specified circumstances.

- SB 800 Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee (Chapter 426, Statutes of 2015)
HEALING ARTS
 Made several non-controversial minor, non-substantive, or technical changes to various provisions pertaining to the health-related regulatory Boards of the Department of Consumer Affairs. Updated language to replace the “Board of Dental Examiners” with the “Dental Board of California” for consistency on how the Board is referenced. Additionally, stated that the Dental Hygiene Committee of California (DHCC) is a separate entity from the Dental Board of California; stated that DHCC must separately create and maintain a central file of the names of persons who hold a license, certificate, or similar authority; removed a deadline date of January 1, 2010; and repealed fee for examination for licensure as a registered dental hygienist for third and fourth year dental students.
- SB 1039 Hill (Chapter 799, Statutes of 2016)
PROFESSIONS AND VOCATIONS
 Omnibus bill that makes several amendments to provisions affecting various boards and bureaus.
- SB 1348 Cannella (Chapter 174, Statutes of 2016)
LICENSURE APPLICATIONS: MILITARY EXPERIENCE
 Requires each board that has authority to apply military experience and training towards licensure requirements, to post information on the board’s internet website about the ability of veteran applicants to apply their military experience and training towards licensure requirements.
- SB 1478 Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development (Chapter 489, Statutes of 2016)
HEALING ARTS
 This bill is the non-controversial omnibus bill. Deletes the language referring to the “Part I and Part II written examinations” of the National Board of Dental Examination of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations.
- Authorizes beginning July 1, 2017 to exempt licensees issued a license that has been placed in a retired or inactive statutes per statute or regulation from the \$6 annual CURES fee. This does not apply to licensees whose license has been placed in a retired or inactive status if the licensee is authorized to prescribe, order, administer, furnish, or dispense Schedule II, Schedule III, or Schedule IV controlled substances.

2015-2016 ENROLLED BILLS

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AB 880	RIDLEY- THOMAS	CHAPTERED	409	2015
AB 2235	THURMOND	CHAPTERED	519	2016
AB 2331	DABABNEH	CHAPTERED	572	2016
AB 2485	SANTIAGO	CHAPTERED	575	2016
AB 2859	LOW	CHAPTERED	473	2016
SB 482	LARA	CHAPTERED	708	2016
SB 800	COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, PROFESSIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	CHAPTERED	426	2015
SB 1039	HILL	CHAPTERED	799	2016
SB 1348	CANNELLA	CHAPTERED	174	2016
SB 1478	COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, PROFESSIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	CHAPTERED	489	2016