

AGENDA ITEM 23

REPORT ON CHAPTERED LEGISLATION.

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California Board of Occupational Therapy

2023 CHAPTERED BILLS

Bill #	Author	Summary	Status
AB 656	McCarty	California State University: doctoral programs. This bill would authorize the California State University to award doctoral degrees statewide that do not duplicate University of California doctoral degrees and satisfy certain requirements.	Chaptered 10/10/2023
AB 883	Mathis	Business licenses: United States Department of Defense Skill Bridge program. This bill would require the board to expedite, and authorize a board to assist, in the initial licensure process for an applicant who supplies satisfactory evidence that the applicant is an active-duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces	Chaptered 10/07/2023
AB 1369	Bauer-Kahan	Out-of-state physicians and surgeons: telehealth: license exemption. A physician and surgeon in another state, as specified, who does not possess a certificate issued by the Medical Board of California would be authorized to deliver health care via telehealth to a patient who, among other requirements, has a disease or condition that is immediately life-threatening.	Chaptered 10/13/2023
AB 1707	Pacheco	Health professionals and facilities: adverse actions based on another state's law. This bill prohibits healing arts board from denying applications or imposing discipline for a reason that conflicts with California's law on same subject (e.g., abortion).	Chaptered 09/27/2023

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SB 143	N/A	Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review. State government. This bill reinstated Covid public meeting requirements through 12/31/2023 (e.g., remote address not on agenda). This bill would also require the Board to register a servicemember or a spouse of a servicemember who relocated to this state because of military orders for military service within this state and meets specified requirements.	Chaptered 09/13/2023
SB 345	Skinner	Health care services: legally protected health care activities. This bill prohibits healing arts board from denying applications or imposing discipline for a reason that conflicts with California's law on the basis of a civil judgment, criminal conviction, or disciplinary action in another state if that judgment, conviction, or disciplinary action is based solely on the application of another state's law that interferes with a person's right to receive sensitive services, as defined.	Chaptered 09/27/2023
SB 372	Menjivar	Department of Consumer Affairs: licensee and registrant records: name and gender changes. The bill would require the board to remove the licensee's or registrant's former name or gender from its online license verification system and treat this information as confidential. The board would be required to establish a process to allow a person to request and obtain this information, as prescribed. A licensee's current name or enforcement action record linked to a former name	Chaptered 09/23/2023
SB 525	Durazo	Minimum wage: health care workers. This bill would require a health care worker minimum wage of \$25 per hour for hours worked in covered health care employment, as defined.	Chaptered 10/13/2023
SB 544	Laird	Government code, relating to state government. This bill would change teleconference requirements for board meetings, including one physical meeting location that is audible and a staff member present at that location.	Chaptered 09/22/2023
SB 805	Portantino	Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to health care coverage. This bill amends the definition of a qualified autism service professional.	Chaptered 10/08/2023

Bill #	Author	Summary	Status
SB 816	Roth	Professions and Vocations. This bill would authorize the board to reduce continuing education approval fees as specified.	Chaptered 10/10/2023

AGENDA ITEM 24

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
IMPACTING THE BOARD.**

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Legislative Update as of October 23, 2023**

Bill #	Author	Summary	Board Position/ Date Taken	Status
AB 47	Boerner	Pelvic floor physical therapy coverage. This bill would require a health care service plan contract or health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2024, to provide coverage for pelvic floor physical therapy after pregnancy. Because a willful violation of the bill’s requirements relative to health care service plans would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	Support, If Amended May 19, 2023	Introduced December 5, 2023 Corrected April 20, 2023 Two Year Bill
AB 381	Rubio	Teacher credentialing: services credential with a specialization in health: occupational and physical therapists. This bill would delete the provision specifying that services as an occupational therapist or physical therapist are not health services for purposes of a services credential with a specialization in health.	Support May 19, 2023	Introduced February 2, 2023 Amended: April 17, 2023 May 1, 2023 Held in Committee May 18, 2023
AB 796	Weber	Business and Professions Code, relating to athletic trainers. The bill would establish the Athletic Trainers Fund for the deposit of application and renewal fees and would make those fees available to the board upon appropriation by the Legislature for the purpose of implementing the act’s provisions.	Watch May 19, 2023	Introduced February 13, 2023 Amended March 30, 2023 April 17, 2023 April 27, 2023 May 18, 2023 May 26, 2023 July 6, 2023 Two Year Bill

Bill #	Author	Summary	Board Position/ Date Taken	Status
AB 996	Low	<p>Department of Consumer Affairs: continuing education: conflict-of-interest policy.</p> <p>This bill related to continuing education credits would make sure the continuing education program is not for profit. Discourages the qualification of any continuing education course if the provider of that course has an economic interest in a commercial product or enterprise directly or indirectly promoted in that course and requires conflicts to be disclosed at the beginning of each continuing education course.</p>	Watch May 19, 2023	<p>Introduced February 15, 2023</p> <p>Amended March 27, 2023</p> <p>Ordered inactive August 17, 2023</p>
AB 1028	McKinnor	<p>Reporting of crimes: mandated reporters.</p> <p>This bill would, on and after January 1, 2025, remove the requirement that a health practitioner make a report to law enforcement when they suspect a patient has suffered physical injury caused by assaultive or abusive conduct.</p> <p>The bill would, on and after January 1, 2025, instead require a health practitioner who suspects that a patient has suffered physical injury that is caused by domestic violence, as defined, to provide brief counseling, education, or other support, and a warm handoff, as defined, or referral to local and national domestic violence or sexual violence advocacy services, as specified.</p>	Watch August 25, 2023	<p>Introduced February 15, 2023</p> <p>Amended in Senate: June 27, 2023 June 28, 2023</p> <p>Held in Committee September 1, 2023</p>
AB 1612	Pacheco	<p>Health and Safety Code, relating to clinics licensure.</p> <p>This bill would authorize a licensed primary care clinic with a license in good standing with the department for the preceding five years to construct a new outpatient clinic.</p>	Watch May 19, 2023	<p>Introduced February 17, 2023</p> <p>Amended March 23, 2023</p> <p>Amended August 17, 2023</p> <p>Passed in Assembly and Senate September 5, 2023</p> <p>Enrolled and Presented September 12, 2023</p> <p>Vetoed October 8, 2023</p>

Bill #	Author	Summary	Board Position/ Date Taken	Status
SB 802	Roth	<p>Licensing boards: disqualification from licensure: criminal conviction.</p> <p>This bill would require a board to notify the applicant, in writing within 30 days, if they decide to deny their application for licensure based on the applicant's conviction history.</p>		<p>Introduced February 17, 2023.</p> <p>Hearing cancelled by author.</p> <p>Two Year Bill</p>