

Re: Reminder of CNS Board Meeting re: AB 359 on Tuesday, 2/9/2021 from 7:00 to 7:30PM via Zoom

From: Robert Weinmann (rweinmann@yahoo.com)

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Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 12:17 PM PST

For the record: Dr. Sarka makes reference to AB 359 as an issue that I want to discuss; however, the Credit for bringing this issue into the limelight should be shared, e.g., pres-elect Stella Legarda whose two comments on same have been sent to CNS and legislative rep Ste Cattolica with whom I've discussed Duty of Care but not yet AB 359 pending CNS board desire). All the same it is correct that this evening will be looking forward to individual CNS board opinions.

Question #1: what position if any should CNS take on AB 359?

Question #2: should CNS retain professional lobbying on AB 359?

Question #3: would a letter from CNS to the authors and the committee or committees hearing the bill suffice?

Robert Weinmann, MD, Pres, CNS

On Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 11:42:45 AM PST, George Sarka <georgesarka@aol.com> wrote:

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Sent: Sun, Feb 7, 2021 10:07 pm

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Sent: Fri, Feb 5, 2021 9:37 pm

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Topic to be Discussed: California Bill, AB 359

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https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB359

ASSEMBLY BILL**NC**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Cooper
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Smith)**

February 01, 2021

An act to amend Section 2177 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 359, as introduced, Cooper. Physicians and surgeons: licensure: examination.

Existing law, the Medical Practice Act, requires the Medical Board of California to issue a physician's and surgeon's certificate to a qualified applicant. Under the act, an applicant for a physician surgeon's certificate is required to include specified information in the application and to obtain a passing score on an entire examination or on each part of an examination. Existing law requires an applicant to obtain a passing score on all parts of Step 3 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination within not more than 4 attempts in order to be eligible for a certificate. Existing law provides an exception to the 4-attempt requirement for an applicant who holds an unlimited and unrestricted license as a physician and surgeon in another state, and has held that license continuously for a minimum of 4 years prior to the date of application, meets certain postgraduate training requirements and is certified by a specialty board, and is not subject to specified license denials or disciplinary action.

This bill would eliminate the exception described above and would instead establish an exception for an applicant who holds an unrestricted license as a physician and surgeon in another state, and the board makes prescribed determinations with regard to the applicant.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

DIGEST KEY

Vote: 2/3 Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

BILL TEXT

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 2177 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

2177. (a) A passing score is required for an entire examination or for each part of an examination, as established by resolution of the board.

(b) Applicants may elect to take the written examinations conducted or accepted by the board in separate parts.

(c) (1) An applicant shall have obtained a passing score on all parts of Step 3 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination within not more than four attempts in order to be eligible physician's and surgeon's certificate.

~~(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), an applicant who obtains a passing score on all parts of Step 3 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination in more than four attempts and who meets requirements of Section 2135.5 shall be eligible to be considered for issuance of a physician's and surgeon's certificate.~~

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to an applicant for a physician's and surgeon's certificate who holds an unrestricted license as a physician and surgeon in another state, if the board determine no disciplinary action has been taken against the applicant by any medical licensing authority and that the applicant has not been the subject of adverse judgments or settlements resulting from practice of medicine that the board determines constitutes evidence of a pattern of negligence or incompetence.

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall have immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

California is currently in a declared state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This is alarming, as California has a shortage of licensed physicians, as evidenced by the recent passage of Assembly Bill 890 in 2020, which removes the physician supervision requirement for nurse practitioners, and the publication by the Emergency Medical Services Authority of a memorandum permitting physicians licensed in other states to practice medicine in California.

To immediately increase the number of licensed medical doctors (MDs) practicing in California, by adjusting the reciprocity statutes that govern the entry of out-of-state MDs into our state, in addition to them consistent with the reciprocity statutes that already apply to other independent, out-of-state health care practitioners, like Doctors of Osteopathy, it is necessary for this act to take immediate effect.

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