

PENDING LEGISLATION.

The following are attached:

- a) Report on Pending Legislation
- b) Assembly Bill (AB) 47 (Boerner), Pelvic floor physical therapy coverage.
- c) AB 381 (Rubio), Teacher credentialing: services credential with a specialization in health: occupational and physical therapists.
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- k) AB 1707 (Pacheco), Health professionals and facilities: adverse actions based on another state's law.
- l) Senate Bill (SB) 372 (Menjivar), Department of Consumer Affairs: licensee and registrant records: name and gender changes.
- m) SB 525 (Durazo), Minimum wage: health care workers.
- n) SB 544 (Laird), Government Code, relating to state government.
- o) SB 805 (Portantino), Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to health care coverage.
- p) SB 816 (Roth), Professions and vocations

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**California Board of Occupational Therapy
Legislative Update as of May 3, 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.		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.		Introduced February 2, 2023 Amended: April 17, 2023 May 1, 2023
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. The bill would require a California State University campus seeking authorization to offer a doctoral degree pursuant to the bill to submit specified information on the proposed doctoral degree for review by the office of the Chancellor of the California State University, and approval by the trustees, as provided. The bill would authorize a proposed doctoral degree that is approved for implementation by the trustees pursuant to the bill to be implemented at the California State University systemwide.		Introduced February 9, 2023 Amended: March 16, 2023 April 26, 2023

AB 765	Wood	Physicians and surgeons: medical specialty titles. This bill would enact the California Patient Protection, Safety, Disclosure, and Transparency Act. The bill would, except as prescribed, make it a misdemeanor for a person who does not have a valid, unrevoked, and unsuspended certificate as a physician and surgeon to use any medical specialty title, as specified, or any titles, terms, letters, words, abbreviations, description of services, designations, or insignia indicating or implying that the person is licensed to practice under the act. The bill would make related legislative findings and declarations. By creating a new crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.		Introduced February 13, 2023 Amended: April 12, 2023 April 17, 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.		Introduced February 13, 2023 Amended: March 30, 2023 April 17, 2023 April 27, 2023
AB 883	Mathis	Business licenses: United States Department of Defense Skill Bridge program. This bill would additionally require a board to expedite, and authorize a board to assist, in the initial licensure process for an applicant who supplies satisfactory evidence to the board that the applicant is an active duty member of a regular component of the Armed Forces of the United States enrolled in the United States Department of Defense SkillBridge program, specified, and would provide that regulations to administer those provisions be adopted in accordance with the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.		Introduced February 14, 2023 Amended March 23, 2023
AB 996	Low	Department of Consumer Affairs: continuing education: conflict-of-interest policy. 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		Introduced February 15, 2023 Amended March 27, 2023

		course has an economic interest in a commercial product or enterprise directly or indirectly promoted in that		
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>		<p>Introduced February 15, 2023</p> <p>Revised March 28, 2023</p>
AB 1363	Flora	<p>Consumer protection relating to financial institutions.</p> <p>This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to consumer financial protections, including protecting consumers from misleading advertising and unfair fees and costs for professional services.</p>		<p>Introduced February 17, 2023</p>

AB 1612	Pacheco	Health and Safety Code, relating to clinics licensure. 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.		Introduced February 17,2023 Amended March 23, 2023 Revised April 19, 2023
AB 1707	Pacheco	Health professionals and facilities: adverse actions based on another state’s law. Would prohibit healing arts boards from denying applications or imposing discipline on individuals based on civil judgments, convictions, or disciplinary actions in other states in certain situations where there is a conflict between California’s and the other state’s laws (e.g. abortion).		Introduced February 17, 2023 Amended: March 16, 2023 April 12, 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		Introduced February 9, 2023 Amended: March 20, 2023 April 20, 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, subject to adjustment, as prescribed. This bill would require, for covered health care employment where the employee is paid on a salary basis, that the employee earn a monthly salary equivalent to no less than two times the health care worker minimum wage for full-time employment in order to qualify as exempt from the payment of minimum wage and overtime.		Introduced February 14, 2023 Amended: March 28, 2023 April 17, 2023
SB 544	Laird	Government Code, relating to state government. This bill would change teleconference requirements for board meetings. Boards can conduct meetings without electronic public access. They would also require one physical meeting location that is audible. Board member or staff member must be at that location. Requires a way for public to view or hear the meeting. Address and phone number should		Introduced February 15, 2023 Amended: March 20, 2023 April 27, 2023

		be included in the meeting notice. No longer necessary for teleconferences is to identify separately all teleconference locations in the meeting notice, post agendas at teleconference locations, and provide public access to all teleconference locations, except for the one physical location.		
SB 805	Portantino	Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to health care coverage. This bill amends the definition of a qualified autism service professional. This bill also removes Occupational Therapy Assistants as qualified autism professionals.		Introduced February 17, 2023 Amended: March 22, 2023 April 24, 2023
SB 816	Roth	Professions and vocations. Potential Fee Bill This bill would authorize the board to reduce the continuing approval fees in the above-described circumstances for a program that experiences a reduction in enrollment capacity that directly leads to a reduction in state funding. The bill would revise related provisions to require the board to require a program to provide documentation for purposes of issuing the fee reduction.		Introduced February 17, 2023 Amended April 20, 2023