

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

BILL NUMBER: SB 373
AUTHOR: Menjivar
BILL DATE: April 20, 2023, Amended
SUBJECT: Board of Behavioral Sciences, Board of Psychology,
and Medical Board of California: Licensees' and
Registrants' Addresses
SPONSOR: CA Association of Marriage and Family Therapists
CA State Association of Psychiatrists
CA Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies
CA Council of Comm. Behavioral Health Agencies
CA Psychological Association
CA Assn. for Licensed Prof. Clinical Counselors
National Association of Social Workers – CA Chapter
POSITION: Neutral

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT LEGISLATION

Prohibits the Board of Behavioral Sciences and Board of Psychology from publicly disclosing the address of record of their licensees, except for the related city, state, county and zip code.

RECENT AMENDMENTS

During their March 23, 2023, meeting, the Medical Board of California (Board) adopted an Oppose position on the bill, as the bill also included the Board at the time. Since then, the bill was amended to remove reference to the Board, therefore, the Board is now neutral on SB 373.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to [Business and Professions Code \(BPC\) section 27](#), many boards and bureaus within the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), including the Board, must publish the address of record provided by their licensee on the internet. The Board meets this requirement through the [license lookup service](#) available through the Board's website.

ANALYSIS

According to the author's fact sheet:

“...mental health providers play an important role in our society and as we are experiencing a workforce shortage in this industry, we need to ensure that we are providing a safe environment for licensees to be able to conduct their work and

support children and families¹. SB 373 seeks to lift the burden that all mental health professionals have to take in both costs and time to acquire a P.O. Box if they do not want to share their personal address.”

Board Staff Comments

This bill no longer relates to the Board; accordingly, staff recommend that the Board maintain the position of Neutral.

FISCAL: None identified.

SUPPORT: None identified.

OPPOSITION: None identified.

ATTACHMENT: [SB 373, Menjivar – Board of Behavioral Sciences, Board of Psychology, and Medical Board of California: Licensees' and Registrants' Addresses.](#)
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¹ <https://calmatters.org/health/2022/09/california-shortage-mental-health-workers/>