

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

BILL NUMBER: SB 373  
AUTHOR: Menjivar  
BILL DATE: June 21, 2023, Amended  
SUBJECT: Board of Behavioral Sciences, Board of Psychology,  
and Veterinary Medical Board: 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, Board of Psychology, and the Veterinary Medical Board from publicly disclosing the address of record of their licensees, except for the related city, state, county, and zip code.

**SB 373 has not been amended since the prior meeting of the Medical Board of California (Board).**

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 families<sup>1</sup>. 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.”

FISCAL: None.

SUPPORT: None identified.

OPPOSITION: None identified.

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