

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS 2018

UCLA IMG Program

Existing law, Business and Professions Code (BPC) Section 2066.5, allows participants in the UCLA International Medical Graduate (IMG) Program to obtain hands-on clinical training, as specified. The bill allowing for this hands-on training, AB 1533 (Mitchell, Chapter 109) was co-sponsored by the Medical Board of California (Board) and the UC Office of the President in 2012. The law requires UC to prepare a report by January 1, 2018, and would sunset the provisions that allow the hands-on clinical training in the UCLA IMG Program on January 1, 2019. The Board would like to again co-sponsor a bill with the UC Office of the President to continue the Program permanently. Also, technical changes will need to be made to the portions of law that refer to BPC Section 2089.5, as this section will be repealed on January 1, 2020, pursuant to the Board's sunset bill, Senate Bill 798 (Hill).

Omnibus

- Amend BPC Section 801.01(g)(2)(G) to require reporting entities to submit supporting documents for all case types, instead of only for judgments and arbitration awards. This will allow staff to confirm the case type is being reported correctly to ensure public disclosure is being reported accurately.
- Delete BPC Section 2424(c) that allows the renewal of any expired physician's and surgeon's or podiatrist's license within six months from its date of expiration to be retroactive to the date of expiration of that license. This section of statute is outdated and renewals are now timely and can be done online. There is no need to allow for extra time for a renewal and to allow a physician to potentially practice for six months with an expired license.
- Section 139.2(b)(3)(D) states that the qualified medical evaluator must have qualifications that the administrative director and either the Medical Board of California or the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, as appropriate, both deem to be equivalent to board certification in a specialty. The Medical Board does not deem equivalency for board certification for the Division of Workers' Compensation, so this section should also be deleted.

Issues that will be addressed in 2018:

Vertical Enforcement (VE) – The Board will continue to work with interested parties, the Legislature and the Governor's Office to draft language to amend VE to promote efficiencies and ensure consumer protection.