

# Agenda Item # 12.C.



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TO: Board Members

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SUBJECT: **Legislative Proposals Regarding Interim Permits and Permissive Site Visits**

The Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board) is working with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to obtain an author to amend the Business and Professions (B&P) Codes relative to Interim Permits and Permissive Site Visits.

- **Interim Permits** – Board staff proposes to amend B&P Code sections 2872.2 (Vocational Nursing) and 4510.1 (Psychiatric Technician) regarding the issuance of interim permits (IP) which allow graduates of California accredited or approved programs who have been deemed eligible to test, to practice pending the results of the first licensure examination. This proposal would add filing deadlines and expiration dates to clarify existing statutes regarding the IP requirements and remove references to approved programs. Board staff requested DCA and the Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee to include this proposal in its 2009 Committee Omnibus bill.
- **Permissive Site Visits** – This proposal was originally approved by the Board in 2006. Due to opposition by one organization in 2007, the language was withdrawn from the Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee bill. The proposal was reintroduced in 2008 with the Board's approval, but the Committee inadvertently failed to include the language in its bill. As such, Board staff resubmitted the legislative proposal to amend the B&P Code sections 2883 (Vocational Nursing) and 4532 (Psychiatric Technicians) to specify that site visits for approval of new Vocational Nursing & Psychiatric Technician Programs be "permissive" rather than mandatory by the Board. The Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee declined to include this proposal in its Committee Omnibus bill for 2009. Therefore, the Board requested DCA's assistance to secure an author for the legislative proposal.

## **Recommendation:**

The BVNPT affirm its continued support for the legislative proposals regarding Interim Permits and Permissive Site Visits and direct staff to continue with the legislative process.