

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 17, 2024

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2023–24 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2862

Introduced by Assembly Member Gipson
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Juan Carrillo and Lowenthal)

February 15, 2024

An act to add ~~Division 1.1 (commencing with Section 473) to and repeal Section 115.7 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to professions and vocations.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2862, as amended, Gipson. ~~Licenses—Department of Consumer Affairs:~~ African American applicants.

Existing law ~~prescribes requirements for licensure and regulation of various businesses and professions, including healing arts and real estate businesses and professions, by various boards, bureaus, commissions, committees, and departments.~~ *establishes the Department of Consumer Affairs, which is composed of specified boards that license and regulate various professions.*

This bill would require *those* boards to prioritize African American applicants seeking licenses under these provisions, especially applicants who are descended from a person enslaved in the United States. The bill would ~~define various terms for these purposes.~~ *repeal those provisions on January 1, 2029.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
 State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 115.7 is added to the Business and
2 Professions Code, to read:

3 115.7. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a board shall
4 prioritize African American applicants seeking licenses, especially
5 applicants who are descended from a person enslaved in the United
6 States.

7 (b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2029,
8 and as of that date is repealed.

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10 ~~added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:~~

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12 DIVISION 1.1. PRIORITIZATION OF LICENSES

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14 473. (a) For purposes of this division:

15 (1) ~~“Board” includes “bureau,” “commission,” “committee,”~~
16 ~~“department,” “division,” “examining committee,” “program,”~~
17 ~~and “agency.”~~

18 (2) ~~“License” includes certificate, registration, or other means~~
19 ~~to engage in a business or profession regulated by this code.~~

20 (b) ~~Notwithstanding any other law, a board shall prioritize~~
21 ~~African American applicants seeking licenses, especially applicants~~
22 ~~who are descended from a person enslaved in the United States.~~