

BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSING AND PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS
NOTICE OF LEGISLATIVE SUNSET REVIEW HEARINGS

March 23, 2015

9:00 a.m.

State Capitol Building – Room 4203

The Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development (BP&ED) and the Assembly Committee on Business and Professions (B&P), collectively “the Committees”, will hold joint sunset review oversight hearings on March 18 and March 23 in Rooms 4202 and 4203 of the State Capitol starting at 9:00 a.m.

The Committees are the standing committees of the Legislature that have oversight jurisdiction over the Department of Consumer Affairs and all agencies and entities under the Department. The Committees also have oversight jurisdiction over other regulatory or certification programs within the Business and Professions Code. Each of these boards, bureaus, committees and programs currently license or certify specific professions and are responsible for implementing and enforcing the laws relating to these professions. It is the responsibility of the Committees to determine whether the State should continue to regulate in this area, and if so, what changes should be made to improve the overall effectiveness and efficiency of these entities to ensure that the interests of California’s consumers are protected against incompetent practice or illegal activities of these professionals.

Previous legislation has established a repeal date (sunset) on boards, committees and some bureaus under the Department which corresponds to an anticipated review by the Committees. In the past, this “sunset review” was conducted by a Joint Committee of the Legislature which was established by the Senate. However, in recent years it has been determined that reviews of the entities under the Department of Consumer Affairs will be conducted by the appropriate legislative policy Committees.

The Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board) is scheduled to appear before the committees on March 23, 2015.

Each board/bureau/committee being reviewed is given approximately 60 minutes. Following is a tentative outline of the agenda, subject to change.

- A. Board Presents Short “Overview” of the Current Regulatory Program (5 minutes)
- B. Board Response to Issues, Problem Areas, Questions, & Staff Recommendations (20 minutes)
- C. Public Comment (15 minutes)
- D. Comment by Professional Individuals, Groups or Associations (15 minutes)
- E. Any Closing Comments by the Board (5 minutes)

A Background Paper will be prepared by staff of the Committees and will be available (TBD) on the Senate BP&ED Committee’s website at:

<http://sbp.senate.ca.gov/informationalhearingagendaandbackground>

Upon completion of the hearings, the Board will have 30 days to submit a written response to all of the issues and recommendations raised by Committee staff in the Background Paper or during the hearing.

Certain recommendations may require legislation which would be included in a "Sunset Bill" for a particular board. It is anticipated that the Sunset Bills will be heard by the respective Committees sometime in April.