

2024 TENTATIVE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

COMPILED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ASSEMBLY CHIEF CLERK AND THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
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DEADLINES

- Jan. 1** Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).
- Jan. 3** Legislature reconvenes (J.R. 51(a)(4)).
- Jan. 10** Budget must be submitted by Governor (Art. IV, Sec. 12(a)).
- Jan. 12** Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to **fiscal committees** fiscal bills introduced in their house in the odd-numbered year (J.R. 61(b)(1)).
- Jan. 15** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Jan. 19** Last day for any committee to hear and report to the **Floor** bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year. (J.R. 61(b)(2)).
Last day to submit **bill requests** to the Office of Legislative Counsel.
- Jan. 31** Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year (J.R. 61(b)(3)) (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c)).

- Feb. 16** Last day for bills to be **introduced** (J.R. 61(b)(4), J.R. 54(a)).
- Feb. 19** Presidents' Day.

- Mar. 21** **Spring Recess** begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(b)(1)).
- Mar. 29** Cesar Chavez Day observed.

- Apr. 1** Legislature reconvenes from **Spring Recess** (J.R. 51(b)(1)).
- Apr. 26** Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to fiscal committees **fiscal bills** introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(5)).

- May 3** Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to the Floor **nonfiscal** bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(6)).
- May 10** Last day for **policy committees** to meet prior to May 28 (J.R. 61(b)(7)).
- May 17** Last day for **fiscal committees** to hear and report to the **Floor** bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61 (b)(8)).
Last day for **fiscal committees** to meet prior to May 28 (J.R. 61 (b)(9)).
- May 20-24** **Floor session only.** No committee may meet for any purpose except for Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(b)(10)).
- May 24** Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house (J.R. 61(b)(11)).
- May 27** Memorial Day.
- May 28** Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(b)(12)).

JANUARY							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 1		1	2	3	4	5	6
Wk. 2	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Wk. 3	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Wk. 4	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Wk. 1	28	29	30	31			

FEBRUARY							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 1					1	2	3
Wk. 2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Wk. 3	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Wk. 4	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Wk. 1	25	26	27	28	29		

MARCH							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 1						1	2
Wk. 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Wk. 3	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Wk. 4	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Spring Recess	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Wk. 1	31						

APRIL							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 1		1	2	3	4	5	6
Wk. 2	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Wk. 3	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Wk. 4	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Wk. 1	28	29	30				

MAY							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 1				1	2	3	4
Wk. 2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Wk. 3	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
No Hrgs.	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Wk. 4	26	27	28	29	30	31	

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JUNE							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 4							1
Wk. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Wk. 2	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Wk. 3	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Wk. 4	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Wk. 1	30						

June 15 Budget Bill must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12(c)).

June 27 Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 5 General Election ballot (Elections Code Sec. 9040).

JULY							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 1		1	2	3	4	5	6
Summer Recess	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Summer Recess	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Summer Recess	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Summer Recess	28	29	30	31			

July 3 Last day for **policy committees** to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(13)).

Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(b)(2)).

July 4 Independence Day.

AUGUST							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Summer Recess					1	2	3
Wk. 2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Wk. 3	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
No Hrgs.	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
No Hrgs.	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Aug. 5 Legislature reconvenes from **Summer Recess** (J.R. 51(b)(2)).

Aug. 16 Last day for **fiscal committees** to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(14)).

Aug. 19 – 31 Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(b)(15)).

Aug. 23 Last day to **amend** bills on the Floor (J.R. 61(b)(16)).

Aug. 31 Last day for each house to pass bills (Art. IV, Sec 10(c), J.R. 61(b)(17)).

Final Recess begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(b)(3)).

IMPORTANT DATES OCCURRING DURING FINAL RECESS

2024

- Sept. 30 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 and in the Governor's possession on or after Sept. 1 (Art. IV, Sec. 10(b)(2)).
- Oct. 2 Bills enacted on or before this date take effect January 1, 2025. (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).
- Nov. 5 General Election.
- Nov. 30 Adjournment *sine die* at midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).
- Dec. 2 2025-26 Regular Session convenes for Organizational Session at 12 noon. (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).

2025

- Jan. 1 Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

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The Physician Assistant Board (Board) may adopt the following positions regarding pending or proposed legislation.

Legislative Positions

Definitions

Oppose

The Board will actively oppose proposed legislation and demonstrate opposition through letters, testimony, and other action necessary to communicate the oppose position taken by the Board.

Oppose, unless amended

The Board will take an oppose position and actively lobby the legislature to amend the proposed legislation by requesting specific amendments to alter the text of the bill after it has been introduced.

Neutral

The Board neither supports nor opposes the addition/amendment/repeal of the statutory provision(s) set forth by the bill.

Neutral, if amended

The Board will take a neutral position and actively lobby the legislature to amend the proposed legislation by requesting specific amendments to alter the text of the bill after it has been introduced.

Watch

The watch position adopted by the Board will indicate interest regarding the proposed legislation. The Board staff and members will closely monitor the progress of the proposed legislation and amendments.

Support

The Board will actively support proposed legislation and demonstrate support through letters, testimony, and any other action necessary to communicate the support position taken by the Board.

Support, if amended

The Board will take a support position and actively lobby the legislature to amend the proposed legislation by requesting specific amendments to alter the text of the bill after it has been introduced.

MEMORANDUM

DATE	March 4, 2024
TO	Physician Assistant Board (Board)
FROM	Jasmine Dhillon, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 15. Legislative Update

A. **AB 2194 (Patterson) Physician assistants: supervision: podiatrists.**

Status: This bill was introduced on February 7, 2024 and is located in the Assembly.

Summary: The Physician Assistant Practice Act establishes the Physician Assistant Board for the licensure and regulation of physician assistants. Current law authorizes physician assistants to perform prescribed medical services that are rendered pursuant to a practice agreement and under the supervision of a licensed physician and surgeon. Current law authorizes physicians and surgeons and doctors of podiatric medicine to establish a professional partnership that includes both physicians and surgeons and doctors of podiatric medicine if specified conditions are satisfied. Existing law authorizes a physician assistant performing medical services under the supervision of a physician and surgeon to assist a doctor of podiatric medicine who is a partner, shareholder, or employee in the same medical group as the supervising physician and surgeon. Current law requires a physician assistant who assists a doctor of podiatric medicine in this manner to do so only according to patient-specific orders from a supervising physician and surgeon and limits the physician assistant to performing those duties included within the scope of practice of a doctor of podiatric medicine. Current law requires a supervising physician and surgeon to be available to the physician assistant for consultation when assistance is rendered. This bill would delete these provisions establishing the conditions under which a physician assistant may assist a doctor of podiatric medicine and, instead, would expand the existing supervising physician and surgeon provisions to authorize a supervising podiatrist, as defined, to supervise a physician assistant in a similar manner. The bill would limit a physician assistant assisting a doctor of podiatric medicine pursuant to these expanded provisions to performing those duties included within the scope of practice of a doctor of podiatric medicine.

Fiscal Impact: Staff may need to implement regulations in accordance with this bill. The Board would need to update forms and information included on the Board's

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website for licensees to reflect the new supervision requirements. This is something that can be done by staff and is supported by the Board's current pro rata costs to DCA.

B. **[AB 2442 \(Zbur\)](#) Healing arts: expedited licensure process: gender-affirming health care and gender-affirming mental health care.**

Status: This bill was introduced on February 13, 2024 and is located in the Assembly.

Summary: Current law requires the Medical Board of California, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, the Board of Registered Nursing, and the Physician Assistant Board to expedite the licensure process for an applicant who demonstrates that they intend to provide abortions within the scope of practice of their license, and specifies the manner in which the applicant is required to demonstrate their intent. This bill would also require those boards to expedite the licensure process for an applicant who demonstrates that they intend to provide gender-affirming health care and gender-affirming mental health care, as defined, within the scope of practice of their license, and would specify the manner in which the applicant would be required to demonstrate their intent.

Fiscal Impact: This bill would require staff to update the Board's licensing process to ensure applicants who meet the gender-affirming health care and gender-affirming mental health care criteria can get their license application expedited. This would require the license application form to be updated for applicants to demonstrate their intent. Staff projects there will not be an increase in licensing workload related to the new provisions of this bill.

C. **[SB 1041 \(Portantino\)](#) Physician assistants: licensure: Armenian Doctor Pilot Program.**

Status: This bill was introduced on February 7, 2024 and is located in the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee.

Summary: This bill would establish the Armenian Doctor Pilot Program, to be operative from January 1, 2025, to January 1, 2027, inclusive. Under the pilot program, up to 15 doctors who graduated from Yerevan State Medical University and have attained their medical degree and medical license in Armenia but have not practiced medicine in California within the 10 years preceding the operative date of the pilot program would be eligible to participate in the program. The bill would require participants in the program to be enrolled in a medical refresher course developed by Yerevan State Medical University and an accredited academic institution in California with an approved physician assistant program, which would be subject to approval by the board. The bill would require classes to be provided by Yerevan State Medical University and the approved California educational institution via a distance learning program. The bill would require the refresher course to include clinical training undertaken in a federally qualified health center that serves the Armenian community in southern California. The bill would require the board to issue a license to practice as a physician assistant in a federally qualified health center for 2 years to a participant

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who satisfies the requirements set forth in the bill. The bill, beginning April 1, 2025, would require federally qualified health centers to begin assessing the work of the participants of the pilot program. The bill would require the assessments to be submitted to the board, and would require the board to review the findings and discuss the future of the pilot program. The bill would repeal the pilot program on January 1, 2027. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Fiscal Impact: This bill would require staff to update the Board's licensing process to ensure applicants who meet the pilot program requirements are licensed. This would require the license application form to be updated for applicants to apply for the pilot program. Staff projects there will not be an increase in licensing workload related to the new provisions of this bill.

D. **[SB 1067](#) (Smallwood-Cuevas) Healing arts: expedited licensure process: medically underserved area or population.**

Status: This bill was introduced on February 12, 2024 and is located in the Senate.

Summary: Current law establishes various boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs to license and regulate various health professionals. Current law requires specified boards to expedite the licensure process of an applicant who can demonstrate that they intend to provide abortions within their scope of practice and specifies the documentation an applicant is required to provide to demonstrate their intent. This bill would require each healing arts board, as defined, to develop a process to expedite the licensure process by giving priority review status to the application of an applicant for a license who demonstrates that they intend to practice in a medically underserved area or serve a medically underserved population, as defined.

Fiscal Impact: This bill would require staff to update the Board's licensing process to ensure applicants who meet the medically underserved area or serving a medically underserved population criteria can get their license application expedited. This would require the license application form to be updated for applicants to demonstrate their intent. Staff projects there will not be an increase in licensing workload related to the new provisions of this bill.

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