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SENATE BILL

No. 144

**Introduced by Senator Schiff and Assembly Member
Hertzberg**

January 5, 1999

An act to amend Sections 6068, 6070, 6085, and 6141.1 of, to add Sections 6008.6, 6031.5, ~~6095.1~~, and 6140.05 to, to add and repeal Section 6140 of, and to repeal and add Section 6145 of, the Business and Professions Code, relating to the State Bar.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 144, as amended, Schiff. State Bar: membership fees.

Existing law establishes the State Bar. The Board of Governors of the State Bar has broad responsibilities for the State Bar's operation and function, including, among other things, administration of the State Bar, admission to the practice of law, and disciplinary authority over its members.

This bill would revise various provisions relating to the State Bar.

(1) Existing rules and regulations of the State Bar provide for the creation of, and specify the functions and activities of, the Conference of Delegates, which represents locally based

general bar associations. Existing rules and regulations of the State Bar also provide for advisory organizations of the State Bar known as sections.

This bill would provide that the Conference of Delegates of the State Bar and State Bar sections shall not be funded with mandatory fees after January 1, 2000, but would authorize the State Bar to provide the Conference of Delegates and State Bar sections with administrative and support services, subject to full reimbursement, as specified.

(2) Existing law imposes various duties on attorneys. Among other things, it requires attorneys to cooperate and participate in any disciplinary investigation or other regulatory or disciplinary proceeding pending against the attorney.

This bill would provide that this requirement shall not be construed to require an attorney to cooperate with a request that requires the attorney to waive any constitutional or statutory privilege or to comply with a request for information or other matters within an unreasonable period of time in light of the time constraints of the attorney's practice, as specified.

Existing law provides that a person complained against in a disciplinary action of the State Bar shall be given a reasonable notice and have a reasonable opportunity to exercise various rights, including the right to defend, to receive exculpatory evidence, to be represented by counsel, and to examine and cross-examine witnesses.

This bill would also provide that the notice and rights shall be fair and adequate, as well as reasonable, and would also specify that the person has a right to exercise any right guaranteed by the California or United States Constitution, including the right against self-incrimination.

~~The bill would require the State Bar, beginning April 1, 2000, and through March 31, 2001, to compile statistics on attorney discipline and to report to legislative committees on procedures used in the disciplinary process to ensure that resources of the State Bar are used fairly and equitably, as specified. It would specifically require that procedures used in the disciplinary process ensure that resources of the State Bar are used fairly and equitably and that these procedures be~~



~~reported to specified legislative committees by the State Bar on or before June 30, 2001.~~

(3) Existing law requires the State Bar to request the California Supreme Court to adopt a rule authorizing a mandatory continuing legal education program. Existing law establishes minimum hours of participation, and exempts various persons from the requirement.

This bill would reduce the required hours, would eliminate the exemption for retired judges, would encourage the use of low-cost programs, would set forth findings, and would make related changes.

(4) Existing law, until January 1, 1998, required the Board of Governors of the State Bar to establish annual membership fees for active members based on the amount of time the member has been practicing law, as specified. Existing law also provides for additional fees.

This bill would provide for an annual fee not exceeding \$318. This provision would be repealed on January 1, 2001.

The bill would also require the invoice for the annual fee to provide each member the option of deducting \$5 from the annual fee if the member elects not to support lobbying and related activities, and would prohibit the Board of Governors of the State Bar from expending a sum exceeding the number of members paying the \$5 fee, multiplied by \$5.

The bill would require the Board of Governors of the State Bar to adopt a rule to permit members whose income from the practice of law is less than a specified amount to presumptively qualify for a waiver of a portion of the annual membership fees based on hardship.

Existing law requires the Board of Governors of the State Bar to prepare an annual financial statement for the State Bar, which is required to be certified under oath by the President and the Treasurer of the State Bar to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

This bill would require the Board of Governors of the State Bar, commencing on January 1, 2000, and annually thereafter, to contract with a nationally recognized independent public accounting firm to conduct an audit of the State Bar's financial statement for the 12 months preceding. It would require the financial statement to be certified under oath by the



Treasurer of the State Bar, and a copy of the audit and the financial statement to be submitted within 120 days of the close of the fiscal year to the Board of Governors of the State Bar, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the Assembly and Senate Committees on Judiciary. It would also require the Board of Governors of the State Bar to contract with the Bureau of State Audits to conduct a performance audit of the State Bar's operations from July 1, 2000, through December 31, 2000, inclusive, and would require a copy of the performance audit to be submitted by May 1, 2001, to the Board of Governors of the State Bar, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the Assembly and Senate Committees on Judiciary. It would require that the Board of Governors contract with the Bureau of State Audits every 2 years thereafter to conduct a performance audit of the State Bar's operations for the respective fiscal year, commencing with January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002, inclusive, and would require a copy of the performance audit to be submitted within 120 days of the close of the fiscal year for which the audit was performed to the Board of Governors of the State Bar, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the Assembly and Senate Committees on Judiciary.

The bill would prohibit the State Bar from awarding a contract for goods, services, or both, for an aggregate amount in excess of \$50,000, except pursuant to specified provisions of the Public Contract Code. The bill would make related changes. It would also provide that its provisions shall become operative only if SB 143 of the 1999–2000 Regular Session is enacted.

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 6008.6 is added to the Business
2 and Professions Code, to read:
3 6008.6. The State Bar shall award no contract for
4 goods, services, or both, for an aggregate amount in excess
5 of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), except pursuant to the
6 standards established in Article 4 (commencing with



1 Section 10335) of Chapter 2 of Part 2 of Division 2 of the
2 Public Contract Code. The State Bar shall establish a
3 request for proposal procedure by rule, pursuant to the
4 general standards established in Article 4 (commencing
5 with Section 10335) of Chapter 2 of Part 2 of Division 2 of
6 the Public Contract Code.

7 SEC. 1.5. Section 6031.5 is added to the Business and
8 Professions Code, to read:

9 6031.5. (a) The Conference of Delegates, as
10 established under and pursuant to Article 6 of the Rules
11 and Regulations of the State Bar, shall not be funded after
12 January 1, 2000, with mandatory fees collected pursuant
13 to subdivision (a) of Section 6140.

14 The State Bar may provide the Conference of
15 Delegates with administrative and support services,
16 provided the State Bar shall be reimbursed for the full
17 cost of those services out of funds collected pursuant to
18 subdivision (c), funds raised by or through the activities
19 of the Conference of Delegates, or other funds collected
20 from voluntary sources. The financial audit specified in
21 Section 6145 shall confirm that the amount assessed by the
22 State Bar for providing the services reimburses the costs
23 of providing them, and shall verify that mandatory dues
24 are not used to fund the Conference of Delegates.

25 (b) State Bar sections, as established under and
26 pursuant to Article 13 of the Rules and Regulations of the
27 State Bar, and their activities shall not be funded after
28 January 1, 2000, with mandatory fees collected pursuant
29 to subdivision (a) of Section 6140.

30 The State Bar may provide an individual section, or two
31 or more sections collectively, with administrative and
32 support services, provided the State Bar shall be
33 reimbursed for the full cost of those services out of funds
34 collected pursuant to subdivision (c), funds raised by or
35 through the activities of the sections, or other funds
36 collected from voluntary sources. The financial audit
37 specified in Section 6145 shall confirm that the amount
38 assessed by the State Bar for providing the services
39 reimburses the costs of providing them, and shall verify
40 that mandatory dues are not used to fund the sections.



1 (c) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this
2 section, the State Bar is expressly authorized to collect
3 voluntary fees to fund the Conference of Delegates or the
4 State Bar sections on behalf of those organizations in
5 conjunction with the State Bar's collection of its annual
6 membership dues. Funds collected pursuant to this
7 subdivision, and other funds raised by or through the
8 activities of the Conference of Delegates or sections, or
9 collected from voluntary sources, for their support or
10 operation, shall not be subject to the expenditure
11 limitations of subdivision (b) of Section 6140.05.

12 SEC. 2. Section 6068 of the Business and Professions
13 Code is amended to read:

14 6068. It is the duty of an attorney to do all of the
15 following:

16 (a) To support the Constitution and laws of the United
17 States and of this state.

18 (b) To maintain the respect due to the courts of justice
19 and judicial officers.

20 (c) To counsel or maintain those actions, proceedings,
21 or defenses only as appear to him or her legal or just,
22 except the defense of a person charged with a public
23 offense.

24 (d) To employ, for the purpose of maintaining the
25 causes confided to him or her those means only as are
26 consistent with truth, and never to seek to mislead the
27 judge or any judicial officer by an artifice or false
28 statement of fact or law.

29 (e) To maintain inviolate the confidence, and at every
30 peril to himself or herself to preserve the secrets, of his or
31 her client.

32 (f) To abstain from all offensive personality, and to
33 advance no fact prejudicial to the honor or reputation of
34 a party or witness, unless required by the justice of the
35 cause with which he or she is charged.

36 (g) Not to encourage either the commencement or
37 the continuance of an action or proceeding from any
38 corrupt motive of passion or interest.



1 (h) Never to reject, for any consideration personal to
2 himself or herself, the cause of the defenseless or the
3 oppressed.

4 (i) To cooperate and participate in any disciplinary
5 investigation or other regulatory or disciplinary
6 proceeding pending against the attorney. However, this
7 subdivision shall not be construed to deprive an attorney
8 of any privilege guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment to
9 the Constitution of the United States or any other
10 constitutional or statutory privileges. This subdivision
11 shall not be construed to require an attorney to cooperate
12 with a request that requires the attorney to waive any
13 constitutional or statutory privilege or to comply with a
14 request for information or other matters within an
15 unreasonable period of time in light of the time
16 constraints of the attorney's practice. Any exercise by an
17 attorney of any constitutional or statutory privilege shall
18 not be used against the attorney in a regulatory or
19 disciplinary proceeding against him or her.

20 (j) To comply with the requirements of Section 6002.1.

21 (k) To comply with all conditions attached to any
22 disciplinary probation, including a probation imposed
23 with the concurrence of the attorney.

24 (l) To keep all agreements made in lieu of disciplinary
25 prosecution with the agency charged with attorney
26 discipline.

27 (m) To respond promptly to reasonable status
28 inquiries of clients and to keep clients reasonably
29 informed of significant developments in matters with
30 regard to which the attorney has agreed to provide legal
31 services.

32 (n) To provide copies to the client of certain
33 documents under time limits and as prescribed in a rule
34 of professional conduct which the board shall adopt.

35 (o) To report to the agency charged with attorney
36 discipline, in writing, within 30 days of the time the
37 attorney has knowledge of any of the following:

38 (1) The filing of three or more lawsuits in a 12-month
39 period against the attorney for malpractice or other
40 wrongful conduct committed in a professional capacity.



1 (2) The entry of judgment against the attorney in any
2 civil action for fraud, misrepresentation, breach of
3 fiduciary duty, or gross negligence committed in a
4 professional capacity.

5 (3) The imposition of any judicial sanctions against the
6 attorney, except for sanctions for failure to make
7 discovery or monetary sanctions of less than one thousand
8 dollars (\$1,000).

9 (4) The bringing of an indictment or information
10 charging a felony against the attorney.

11 (5) The conviction of the attorney, including any
12 verdict of guilty, or plea of guilty or no contest, of any
13 felony, or any misdemeanor committed in the course of
14 the practice of law, or in any manner such that a client of
15 the attorney was the victim, or a necessary element of
16 which, as determined by the statutory or common law
17 definition of the misdemeanor, involves improper
18 conduct of an attorney, including dishonesty or other
19 moral turpitude, or an attempt or a conspiracy or
20 solicitation of another to commit a felony or any
21 misdemeanor of that type.

22 (6) The imposition of discipline against the attorney
23 by any professional or occupational disciplinary agency or
24 licensing board, whether in California or elsewhere.

25 (7) Reversal of judgment in a proceeding based in
26 whole or in part upon misconduct, grossly incompetent
27 representation, or willful misrepresentation by an
28 attorney.

29 (8) As used in this subdivision, “against the attorney”
30 includes claims and proceedings against any firm of
31 attorneys for the practice of law in which the attorney was
32 a partner at the time of the conduct complained of and
33 any law corporation in which the attorney was a
34 shareholder at the time of the conduct complained of
35 unless the matter has to the attorney’s knowledge already
36 been reported by the law firm or corporation.

37 (9) The State Bar may develop a prescribed form for
38 the making of reports required by this section, usage of
39 which it may require by rule or regulation.



1 (10) This subdivision is only intended to provide that
2 the failure to report as required herein may serve as a
3 basis of discipline.

4 SEC. 3. Section 6070 of the Business and Professions
5 Code is amended to read:

6 6070. (a) The State Bar shall request the California
7 Supreme Court to adopt a rule of court authorizing the
8 State Bar to establish and administer a mandatory
9 continuing legal education program. The rule that the
10 State Bar requests the Supreme Court to adopt shall
11 require that, within designated 36-month periods, all
12 active members of the State Bar shall complete at least 25
13 hours of legal education activities approved by the State
14 Bar or offered by a State Bar approved provider, with four
15 of those hours in legal ethics. A member of the State Bar
16 who fails to satisfy the mandatory continuing legal
17 education requirements of the program authorized by
18 the Supreme Court rule shall be enrolled as an inactive
19 member pursuant to rules adopted by the Board of
20 Governors of the State Bar.

21 (b) For purposes of this section, statewide associations
22 of public agencies and incorporated, nonprofit
23 professional associations of attorneys, shall be certified as
24 State Bar approved providers upon completion of an
25 appropriate application process to be established by the
26 State Bar. The certification may be revoked only by
27 majority vote of the board, after notice and hearing, and
28 for good cause shown. Programs provided by the
29 California District Attorneys Association or the California
30 Public Defenders Association, or both, including, but not
31 limited to, programs provided pursuant to Title 1.5
32 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 4 of the Penal
33 Code, are deemed to be legal education activities
34 approved by the State Bar or offered by a State Bar
35 approved provider.

36 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (a),
37 officers and elected officials of the State of California, and
38 full-time professors at law schools accredited by the State
39 Bar of California, the American Bar Association, or both,
40 shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.



1 Full-time employees of the State of California, acting
2 within the scope of their employment, shall be exempt
3 from the provisions of this section. Nothing in this section
4 shall prohibit the State of California, or any political
5 subdivision thereof, from establishing or maintaining its
6 own continuing education requirements for its
7 employees.

8 (d) The State Bar shall provide and encourage the
9 development of low-cost programs and materials by
10 which members may satisfy their continuing education
11 requirements. Special emphasis shall be placed upon the
12 use of internet capabilities and computer technology in
13 the development and provision of no-cost and low-cost
14 programs and materials. Towards this purpose, the State
15 Bar shall ensure that by July 1, 2000, any member
16 possessing or having access to the internet or specified
17 generally available computer technology shall be capable
18 of satisfying the full self-study portion of his or her MCLE
19 requirement at a cost of fifteen dollars (\$15) per hour or
20 less.

21 SEC. 4. Section 6085 of the Business and Professions
22 Code is amended to read:

23 6085. Any person complained against shall be given
24 fair, adequate, and reasonable notice and have a fair,
25 adequate, and reasonable opportunity and right:

26 (a) To defend against the charge by the introduction
27 of evidence.

28 (b) To receive any and all exculpatory evidence from
29 the State Bar after the initiation of a disciplinary
30 proceeding in State Bar Court, and thereafter when this
31 evidence is discovered and available. This subdivision
32 shall not require the disclosure of mitigating evidence.

33 (c) To be represented by counsel.

34 (d) To examine and cross-examine witnesses.

35 (e) To exercise any right guaranteed by the California
36 Constitution or the United States Constitution, including
37 the right against self-incrimination.

38 He or she shall also have the right to the issuance of
39 subpoenas for attendance of witnesses to appear and



1 testify or produce books and papers, as provided in this
2 chapter.

3 ~~SEC. 5. Section 6095.1 is added to the Business and
4 Professions Code, to read:~~

5 ~~6095.1. (a) Beginning on April 1, 2000, and through
6 March 31, 2002, the State Bar shall compile statistics
7 indicating the number of complaints against attorneys,
8 broken down to reflect the percentage of complaints
9 brought against attorneys practicing as solo practitioners,
10 in small law firms or partnerships, and in large law firms.
11 The State Bar shall also compile statistics indicating the
12 percentage of complaints that are investigated and the
13 percentage of complaints that are prosecuted against solo
14 practitioners, attorneys practicing in small law firms or
15 partnerships, and attorneys practicing in large law firms.
16 Practicing attorneys shall provide any information that is
17 requested by the bar deemed necessary for the purpose
18 of compiling the statistics. For purposes of this section,
19 "small law firm" means a firm, partnership, association,
20 corporation, or limited liability partnership that includes
21 10 or fewer attorneys.~~

22 ~~(b) On or before June 30, 2001, the State Bar shall issue
23 a written report to the Senate Committee on Judiciary
24 and the Assembly Committee on Judiciary on procedures
25 used in the disciplinary process to ensure that resources
26 of the State Bar are used fairly and equitably in the
27 investigation and prosecution of complaints against
28 attorneys. In particular, the report shall focus on whether
29 disciplinary proceedings are brought in disproportionate
30 numbers against attorneys practicing as solo practitioners
31 or in small law firms or partnerships, as compared to
32 proceedings brought against attorneys practicing in large
33 law firms. The report shall also describe any procedures
34 in place or under consideration to correct any
35 institutional bias. After issuing the report, the State Bar
36 shall continue to compile and maintain statistics pursuant
37 to subdivision (a), and shall make those statistics available
38 to the public upon request.~~

39 ~~(c) Procedures used in the disciplinary process shall
40 ensure that resources of the State Bar are used fairly and~~



1 equitably in the investigation and prosecution of
2 complaints against all attorneys. Disciplinary
3 proceedings shall not be brought in disproportionate
4 numbers against attorneys practicing as solo practitioners
5 or in small law firms or partnerships, as compared to
6 proceedings brought against attorneys practicing in large
7 law firms, unless the number of complaints against solo
8 practitioners, or attorneys practicing in small law firms or
9 partnerships, is commensurate with the higher number
10 of disciplinary proceedings.

11 (d) The report of the State Bar prepared pursuant to
12 this section shall not be used as a defense or mitigating
13 factor in any disciplinary proceeding against an attorney.

14 ~~SEC. 6.~~

15 *SEC. 5.* Section 6140 is added to the Business and
16 Professions Code, to read:

17 6140. (a) The board shall fix the annual membership
18 fee for active members at a sum not exceeding three
19 hundred eighteen dollars (\$318).

20 (b) The annual membership fee for active members is
21 payable on or before the first day of February of each
22 year. If the board finds it appropriate and feasible, it may
23 provide by rule for payment of fees on an installment
24 basis with interest, by credit card, or other means, and
25 may charge members choosing any alternative method of
26 payment an additional fee to defray costs incurred by that
27 election.

28 (c) This section shall remain in effect only until
29 January 1, 2001, and as of that date is repealed, unless a
30 later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1,
31 2001, deletes or extends that date.

32 ~~SEC. 7.~~

33 *SEC. 6.* Section 6140.05 is added to the Business and
34 Professions Code, to read:

35 6140.05. (a) The invoice provided to members for
36 payment of the annual membership fee shall provide
37 each member the option of deducting five dollars (\$5)
38 from the annual fee if the member elects not to support
39 lobbying and related activities by the State Bar outside of
40 the parameters established by the United States Supreme



1 Court in *Keller v. State Bar of California* (1990) 496 U.S.
2 1.

3 (b) For the support or defense of lobbying and related
4 activities conducted by the State Bar on or after January
5 1, 2000, outside of the parameters of *Keller v. State Bar of*
6 *California*, and in support or defense of any litigation
7 arising therefrom, the Board of Governors of the State
8 Bar shall not expend a sum exceeding the following: the
9 product of the number of members paying their annual
10 dues who did not elect the optional deduction multiplied
11 by five dollars (\$5).

12 Moneys collected pursuant to this section shall not be
13 deemed voluntary fees or funds for the purpose of
14 subdivision (c) of Section 6031.5.

15 (c) As used in this section, “lobbying and related
16 activities by the State Bar” includes the consideration of
17 measures by the Board of Governors of the State Bar that
18 are deemed outside the parameters established in *Keller*
19 *v. State Bar*, the purview determination, lobbying and the
20 preparation for lobbying of the measures, and any
21 litigation in support or defense of that lobbying. The
22 determination of these costs shall include, but not be
23 limited to, overhead and administrative costs.

24 ~~SEC. 8.~~

25 *SEC. 7.* Section 6141.1 of the Business and Professions
26 Code is amended to read:

27 6141.1. (a) The payment by any member of the
28 annual membership fee, any portion thereof, or any
29 penalty thereon, may be waived by the board as it may
30 provide by rule. The board may require submission of
31 recent federal and state income tax returns and other
32 proof of financial condition as to those members seeking
33 waiver of all or a portion of their fee or penalties on the
34 ground of financial hardship.

35 (b) The board shall adopt rules providing that:

36 (1) An active member who can demonstrate annual
37 income from the practice of law of less than forty
38 thousand dollars (\$40,000) shall presumptively qualify for
39 a waiver of 25 percent of the annual membership fee.



1 (2) An active member who can demonstrate annual
2 income from the practice of law of less than twenty-five
3 thousand dollars (\$25,000) shall presumptively qualify for
4 a waiver of 50 percent of the annual membership fee.

5 ~~SEC. 9.~~

6 *SEC. 8.* Section 6145 of the Business and Professions
7 Code is repealed.

8 ~~SEC. 9.5.~~

9 *SEC. 9.* Section 6145 is added to the Business and
10 Professions Code, to read:

11 6145. (a) Commencing on January 1, 2000, and
12 annually thereafter, the board shall contract with a
13 nationally recognized independent public accounting
14 firm for an audit of its financial statement for the 12
15 months preceding. The financial statement shall be
16 promptly certified under oath by the treasurer of the
17 State Bar, and a copy of the audit and financial statement
18 shall be submitted within 120 days of the close of the fiscal
19 year to the board, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court,
20 and to the Assembly and Senate Committees on Judiciary.

21 The audit shall examine the receipts and expenditures
22 of the State Bar, the Conference of Delegates, and the
23 State Bar sections, to assure that the receipts of the
24 Conference of Delegates and the sections are being
25 applied, and their expenditures are being made, in
26 compliance with subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section
27 6031.5, and that the receipts of the Conference of
28 Delegates and the receipts of the sections are applied
29 only to the work of the Conference of Delegates and the
30 sections, respectively.

31 (b) The board shall contract with the Bureau of State
32 Audits to conduct a performance audit of the State Bar's
33 operations from July 1, 2000, to December 31, 2000,
34 inclusive. A copy of the performance audit shall be
35 submitted by May 1, 2001 to the board, to the Chief Justice
36 of the Supreme Court, and to the Assembly and Senate
37 Committees on Judiciary.

38 Every two years thereafter, the board shall contract
39 with the Bureau of State Audits to conduct a performance
40 audit of the State Bar's operations for the respective fiscal



1 year, commencing with January 1, 2002, through
2 December 31, 2002, inclusive. A copy of the performance
3 audit shall be submitted within 120 days of the close of the
4 fiscal year for which the audit was performed to the
5 board, to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and to
6 the Assembly and Senate Committees on Judiciary.

7 SEC. 10. The Legislature finds and declares that it is
8 in the public interest to continue the mandatory
9 continuing legal education requirements for attorneys
10 licensed to practice law. The Legislature further finds
11 and declares that officers and elected officials of the State
12 of California, and their full-time employees, undergo
13 ongoing continuing legal education in their review of the
14 implementation of current statutes and regulations,
15 including any court interpretation of a statute or
16 regulation, and in their consideration and analysis of
17 proposed changes in those statutes and regulations,
18 thereby warranting their exemption from the
19 requirements of Section 6070 of the Business and
20 Professions Code. The Legislature also finds and declares
21 that full-time law professors at accredited law schools also
22 undergo ongoing continuing legal education in their
23 review of the statutes and regulations of this state,
24 including any court interpretation of a statute or
25 regulation, thereby warranting their exemption from the
26 requirements of Section 6070 of the Business and
27 Professions Code.

28 SEC. 11. This act shall become operative only if
29 Senate Bill 143 of the 1999–2000 Regular Session is enacted
30 and becomes effective on or before January 1, 2000.

