

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2862

Introduced by Assembly Member Gipson

February 15, 2024

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2862, as introduced, Gipson. Licenses: 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.

This bill would require 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.

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. Division 1.1 (commencing with Section 473) is
2 added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

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4 DIVISION 1.1. PRIORITIZATION OF LICENSES

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

1 (1) “Board” includes “bureau,” “commission,” “committee,”
2 “department,” “division,” “examining committee,” “program,”
3 and “agency.”

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

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