

Senate Bill No. 878

CHAPTER 131

An act to add Section 139.5 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to professions and vocations.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 878, Jones. Department of Consumer Affairs: license: application: processing timeframes.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs.

This bill, beginning July 1, 2021, would require each board within the department that issues licenses to prominently display on its internet website, on at least a quarterly basis, either the current average timeframes for processing initial and renewal license applications or the combined current average timeframe for processing both initial and renewal license applications. The bill would also require each board to prominently display on its internet website, on at least a quarterly basis, either the current average timeframes for processing each license type that the board administers or the combined current average timeframe for processing all license types that the board administers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 139.5 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

- 139.5. Beginning July 1, 2021, each board, as defined in Section 22, within the department that issues a license shall do both of the following on at least a quarterly basis:
 - (a) Prominently display on its internet website one of the following:
- (1) The current average timeframes for processing initial and renewal license applications.
- (2) The combined current average timeframe for processing both initial and renewal license applications.
 - (b) Prominently display on its internet website one of the following:
- (1) The current average timeframes for processing each license type that the board administers.

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(2) The combined current average timeframe for processing all license types that the board administers.