

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 2164  
 AUTHOR: Berman  
 BILL DATE: February 6, 2024, Introduced  
 SUBJECT: Medical Practice Act: Renewal of Licenses  
 SPONSOR: Author

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT LEGISLATION

Clarifies that a physician and surgeon licensee may return their license renewal application to the Board either electronically or by mail.

This bill is aligned with the practice of the Medical Board of California’s (Board) existing practice. AB 2164 is known as a “spot bill,” which is a placeholder for future legislation. This bill is expected to be amended in the future and no action is required at this time.

BACKGROUND

[Business and Professions Code section 2425](#) authorizes the Board to prepare and provide to physician licensees, either electronically or through the mail, a questionnaire that includes any necessary questions to establish that the physician currently has no disorder that would impair the physician’s ability to practice medicine safely. The Board’s current practice is to not ask such questions during the renewal process.

That statute also requires the licensee to complete, sign, and return the questionnaire to the Board, as a condition of license renewal.

ANALYSIS

This is a spot bill and is expected to be significantly amended at a future date. Board staff are in contact with the author’s staff and will report back to the Board at the May 23-24 Board meeting on any amendments.

FISCAL: None identified.

SUPPORT: None identified.

OPPOSITION: None identified.

POSITION: Recommendation: No action at this time.

ATTACHMENT: [AB 2164, Berman – Medical Practice Act: Renewal of Licenses](#)  
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