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The Honorable Mike Morrell
State Capitol, Room 3056
Sacramento, CA 95814

Bill: SB 1155
Position: Support

Dear Senator Morrell:

At its March 17-18, 2016 meeting, the California Board of Accountancy (CBA) voted to take a support position on Senate Bill (SB) 1155.

SB 1155 would add a new section to the Business and Professions Code requiring the Department of Consumer Affairs to establish and maintain a program that grants a fee waiver for the application for, and issuance of, a license to an individual who is an honorably discharged veteran.

Current law requires each board, including the CBA, to inquire in every application if the individual applying for licensure is serving in, or has previously served in, the military. The CBA expedites and assists the initial licensure process for an applicant who has served in the military or who is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active member of the Armed Forces.

For these reasons, the CBA has taken a support position on SB 1155 as it is in line with the CBA's stance on offering assistance to military personnel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Katrina L. Salazar'.

Katrina L. Salazar, CPA
President

c: Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs
Members, California Board of Accountancy
Patti Bowers, Executive Officer