



Social Security Number No Longer Required For Contractor's License

SB 1159 (Chapter 752 of 2014 Statutes) prohibits licensing boards under the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), which includes the Contractors State License Board (CSLB), from denying licensure to an applicant based on his/her citizenship or immigration status; and, requires a licensing board to require, by January 1, 2016, that an applicant for licensure provide his/her individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) or a social security number (SSN) for an initial or renewal license.

We have been informed by the CSLB that they are already abiding by the provisions of this bill. Therefore, all applicants can now use their individual tax ID number in lieu of their social security number.

Other provisions in the law include:

- Prohibits the CSLB (and other boards) from denying licensure to an applicant based on his/her citizenship or immigration status.
- Requires the CSLB to report to the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) a licensee who fails to provide his/her ITIN, and subjects a licensee who fails to provide that information after notification a penalty.
- In addition to that penalty, prohibits a board from processing an application for an initial license unless the applicant provides his/her ITIN, where requested on the application.
- Requires the CSLB, upon request of FTB, to furnish to FTB specified information, including the licensee's ITIN.
- Provides that an ITIN furnished pursuant to this bill is not deemed a public record and shall not be open to the public for inspection.
- Requires, for purposes of enforcing child support payment provisions, the CSLB require that each licensee provide the ITIN of each individual licensed on the license and any person who qualifies for the license.
- Authorizes the CSLB to collect an ITIN instead of an SSN for purposes of existing law that requires all to collect SSNs from applicants for the purpose of matching the names on a certified list, of persons who are found to be out of compliance with a judgment or order for support, as specified.

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