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SB-813 Structural Pest Control Board. (2023-2024)

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Senate Bill No. 813

CHAPTER 507

An act to amend Sections 8520 and 8528 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to structural pest control.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 813, Roth. Structural Pest Control Board.

Existing law establishes the Structural Pest Control Board within the Department of Consumer Affairs, requires the board to license and regulate structural pest control operators, as specified, and authorizes the board to appoint a registrar to be the executive officer and secretary of the board. Existing law repeals those provisions on January 1, 2024, at which time the board is subject to review by the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature. Existing law makes a violation of provisions regulating structural pest control operators a misdemeanor.

This bill would extend the operation of the board and the authority to appoint a registrar to January 1, 2028. Because this bill would expand the application of an existing crime by extending the above-described misdemeanor, this bill would create a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: yes

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 8520 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

8520. (a) There is in the Department of Consumer Affairs a Structural Pest Control Board, which consists of seven members.

(b) Subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the director by Division 1 (commencing with Section 100), the board is vested with the power to and shall administer the provisions of this chapter.

(c) It is the intent of the Legislature that consumer protection is the primary mission of the board.

(d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2028, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2028, deletes or extends that date. Notwithstanding any other law, the repeal of this section renders the board subject to review by the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature.

SEC. 2. Section 8528 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

8528. (a) With the approval of the director, the board shall appoint a registrar, fix the registrar's compensation, and prescribe the registrar's duties.

(b) The registrar is the executive officer and secretary of the board.

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2028, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2028, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.