

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE
SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

Enclosed is an update to Business and Professions Code (BPC), Division 3. “Professions and Vocations Generally” related to the pesticide regulatory program in California.

The following section of the BPC was adopted with an effective date of 1/1/2012.

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BPC Section	Action	Leg Bill Number	Chapter Number	Statutes of	Effective Date	Reference
8557	Added	AB 417	99	2011	1/1/12	Duplicate licenses

An electronic link to the complete Business and Professions Code is available on the Structural Pest Control Board website: <http://www.pestboard.ca.gov> under the Reference Link “View Laws and Regulations” or “Forms and Publications/Structural Pest Control Act”
If you have any questions please contact the Enforcement Branch Liaison assigned to your county.

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(g) Persons engaged in the live capture and removal or exclusion of vertebrate pests, bees, or wasps from a structure without the use of pesticides, provided those persons maintain insurance coverage as described in Section 8692. "Vertebrate pests" include, but are not limited to, bats, raccoons, skunks, and squirrels, but do not include mice, rats, or pigeons. This section does not exempt a person from the provisions of Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 2050) of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code.

8556. (a) Licensed contractors acting in their capacity as such, may remove and replace any structure or portions of a structure damaged by wood destroying pests or organisms if that work is incidental to other work being performed on the structure involved or if that work has been identified by a structural pest control inspection report. Licensed contractors acting in their capacity as such may apply wood preservatives directly to end cuts and drill holes of pressure treated wood, and to foundation wood as required by building codes, as well as to fencing and decking, by brush, dip, or spray method and need not obtain a license under this chapter for performance of that work, provided a disclosure in the following form is submitted to the customer in writing: "The application of a wood preservative is intended to prevent the establishment and flourishing of organisms which can deteriorate wood. If you suspect pest infestation or infection, contact a registered structural pest control company prior to the application of a wood preservative."

These exemptions do not authorize the performance of any other acts defined in Section 8505.

(b) A licensed contractor may contract for the performance of any soil treatment pest control work to eliminate, exterminate, control, or prevent infestations or infections of pests or organisms in the ground beneath or adjacent to any existing building or structure or in or upon any site upon which any building or structure is to be constructed, but the actual performance of any such work must be done by a registered structural pest control company.

8557. No city, county, or city and county shall prohibit a person or group of persons, authorized by the board by a license, certificate, or other such means under this chapter to engage in a particular business, from engaging in that business, occupation, or profession or any portion thereof as authorized in this chapter.

Article 4. Issuance of Licenses
Sections 8560-8571

8560. (a) Licenses issued to operators, field representatives, or applicators shall be limited to the branch or branches of pest control for which the applicant has qualified by application and examination.

For the purpose of delimiting the type and character of work authorized by the various branch licenses, the practice of pest control is classified into the following branches:

Branch 1. Fumigation. The practice relating to the control of household and wood-destroying pests or organisms by fumigation with poisonous or lethal gases.

Branch 2. General pest. The practice relating to the control of household pests, excluding fumigation with poisonous or lethal gases.

Branch 3. Termite. The practice relating to the control of wood-destroying pests or organisms by the use of insecticides, or structural repairs and corrections, excluding fumigation with poisonous or lethal gases.

(b) The board may issue a license for a combination of two or more branches for which an applicant qualifies under the provisions of this chapter, and the combination license shall be considered one license.

(c) Unless otherwise authorized by the board, all written examinations shall be in ink in books supplied by the board. All examination papers shall be kept for a period of one year, upon the expiration of which these papers may be destroyed on order of the board. Each applicant for license as an operator or a field representative shall be designated by a number instead of by name, and the identity thereof shall not be disclosed until the examination papers are graded. No person shall be admitted to the examination room except members of the board, the examining personnel, and the applicants for license.

(d) The board shall make rules and regulations for the purpose of securing fair, impartial, and proper examinations.

(e) Licensees may be licensed in other branches upon complying with the requirements for qualification and by examination in those other branches. No failure of the licensee to pass examination in the other branch or branches shall have any effect on existing licenses.

(f) The examination shall be in each of the subjects specified in the branch or branches relating to the respective applications. A license according to the applications shall be granted to any applicant who shall make a general average of not less than 70 percent on each of the subjects of the branch or branches.

8561. Any individual 18 years of age or over may apply for a license as an operator.

The applicant shall possess the qualifications and be examined as hereinafter prescribed. The applicant shall apply to the board for the issuance of an operator's license within one year of passing the examination.