



ing law, a license expires after three years. As amended April 12, this bill would authorize an individual licensed as both an operator and a field representative to request that both licenses expire on the same date.

Existing law provides for disciplinary action against operators who violate various provisions. This bill would authorize SPCB or a county agricultural commissioner to levy a fine against a registered structural pest control company acting as a prime contractor for work conducted under a Branch 1 license for certain major violations by subcontractors, which would be paid into the Education and Enforcement Account in the Structural Pest Control Education and Enforcement Fund. [A. CPGE&ED]

**SB 991 (Kelley).** Existing law provides a comprehensive scheme for the regulation of structural pest control operators. Exempt from those provisions are, among others, authorized representatives of any educational institution or state agency engaged in research or study of pest control. As amended April 12, this bill would enlarge the scope of that exemption to apply to authorized representatives of any educational institution or state or federal agency engaged in research or study of pest control, or engaged in investigation or preparation for expert opinion or testimony as a representative of any educational institution or state or federal agency, as specified.

Existing law provides for the deposit of funds derived from certain pesticide use report fees collected from structural pest control operators in the Structural Pest Control Research Fund. This bill would authorize the fee to be deposited in an account designated by SPCB's Research Advisory Panel or into the Structural Pest Control Research Fund, as determined by the Panel. [A. CPGE&ED]

**AB 1851 (Connolly).** Under existing law, fumigation shall be performed only under the direct and personal supervision of a licensed individual. Existing law provides a list of lethal fumigants, including methyl bromide, and a list of simple asphyxiants. As amended May 17, this bill would require SPCB to publish the list of simple asphyxiants and to make it available to the public. This bill would also remove methyl bromide from the list of lethal fumigants, and require SPCB to prohibit the use of methyl bromide as a fumigant for structural pest control purposes, commencing January 1, 1996. [A. W&M]

**AB 520 (Knight),** as introduced February 18, would repeal the Structural Pest Control Act and its provisions creating the Board. [A. CPGE&ED]

**AB 1807 (Bronshvag),** as amended May 3, would authorize SPCB to issue a citation if, upon investigation, it has probable cause to believe that a person is advertising in a telephone directory with respect to the offering or performance of services without being properly licensed, and to require the violator to cease the unlawful advertising. [A. W&M]

**SB 842 (Presley),** as amended April 13, would permit SPCB to issue interim orders of suspension and other license restrictions, as specified, against its licensees. [A. CPGE&ED]

## RECENT MEETINGS

At its May 6-7 meeting, SPCB unanimously voted to ask the Technical Advisory Committee to research the issue of cardboard spacers installed under the grade beam; apparently, there is some question as to whether or not cardboard spacers are to be considered cellulose debris by termite inspectors upon inspection.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

October 21-22 in San Diego.

## TAX PREPARER PROGRAM

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Enacted in 1973, abolished in 1982, and reenacted by SB 1453 (Presley) effective January 31, 1983, the Tax Preparer Program registers approximately 19,000 commercial tax preparers and 6,000 tax interviewers in California, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 9891 *et seq.* The Program's regulations are codified in Division 32, Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR). An Administrator, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, enforces the provisions of the Tax Preparer Act.

Registrants must be at least eighteen years old, have a high school diploma or pass an equivalency exam, have completed sixty hours of instruction in basic personal income tax law, theory, and practice within the previous eighteen months, or have at least two years' experience equivalent to that instruction. Twenty hours of continuing education are required each year.

Prior to registration, tax preparers must deposit a bond or cash in the amount of \$2,000 with the Department of Consumer Affairs. Registration must be renewed annually, and a tax preparer who does not

renew his/her registration within three years after expiration must obtain a new registration. The Program's initial registration fee is \$50; the renewal fee is \$50; and the registration fee for a branch office is \$25.

Members of the State Bar of California, accountants regulated by the state or federal government, and those authorized to practice before the Internal Revenue Service are exempt from registration.

## MAJOR PROJECTS

**LAO Proposes To Eliminate Program.** In its *Analysis of the 1993-94 Budget Bill*, one of the recommendations made by the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) for streamlining state government proposed that the legislature eliminate the state's regulatory role in thirteen currently-regulated areas. Particularly relevant to the Tax Preparer Program is LAO's recommendation that the state stop regulating several consumer-related business activities. In determining whether the state should continue to regulate a particular area, LAO recommended that the state consider whether the board or bureau protects the public from a potential health or safety risk that could result in death or serious injury; whether the board or bureau protects the consumer from severe financial harm; and whether there are federal mandates that require the state to regulate certain activities. Based on these criteria, LAO recommended that the state remove its regulatory authority over activities currently regulated by the Program, among other bureaus and agencies. At this writing, LAO's recommendations have not been amended into any pending legislation.

## LEGISLATION

**SB 574 (Boatwright),** as amended May 17, would delete the category of tax interviewer from tax preparer registration provisions, and would repeal provisions relating to the Tax Preparer Advisory Committee, which was eliminated by ABX 66 (Vasconcellos) (Chapter 21X, Statutes of 1992). [12:4 CRLR 130] [A. CPGE&ED]

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN VETERINARY MEDICINE

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Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4800 *et seq.*, the Board of Examiners in Veterinary Medicine (BEVM) licenses all veterinarians, veter-