



painlessly. This bill, which would provide that the above specified advertising is unprofessional conduct only if it is false or misleading, is pending in the Assembly Health Committee.

**AB 1281 (Quackenbush).** Existing law provides that an expired dentist's license may be renewed at any time within five years after its expiration upon filing an application for renewal and paying the renewal fee in effect on the last renewal date. This bill would instead provide that an expired license may be renewed at any time within five years after its expiration upon filing an application for renewal and paying all accrued renewal and delinquency fees. AB 1281 is pending in the Assembly Health Committee.

#### RECENT MEETINGS:

At its February 3 meeting in Los Angeles, the BDE held a symposium on foreign dental licensure. The Board discussed the degrees issued in other countries, and how other states handle foreign dental school graduates. The symposium produced a good deal of background information on the issue.

#### FUTURE MEETINGS:

July 14-15 in San Diego.  
September 8-9 in San Francisco.  
November 10-11 in Los Angeles.

### BUREAU OF ELECTRONIC AND APPLIANCE REPAIR

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The Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair (BEAR) was created by legislative act in 1963. It registers service dealers who repair major home appliance and electronic equipment.

Grounds for denial or revocation of registration include false or misleading advertising, false promises likely to induce a customer to authorize repair, fraudulent or dishonest dealings, any willful departure from or disregard of accepted trade standards for good and workmanlike repair and negligent or incompetent repair. The Electronic and Appliance Repair Dealers Act also requires service dealers to provide an accurate written estimate for parts and labor, provide a claim receipt when accepting equipment for repair, return replaced parts, and furnish an itemized invoice describing all labor performed and parts installed.

The Bureau continually inspects service dealer locations to ensure compli-

ance with the Electronic and Appliance Repair Dealers Registration Law and regulations. It also receives, investigates and resolves consumer complaints.

The Bureau is assisted by an Advisory Board comprised of two representatives of the appliance industry, two representatives of the electronic industry, and five public representatives, all appointed for four-year terms. Of the five public members, three are appointed by the Governor, one by the Speaker of the Assembly, and one by the Senate President pro Tempore.

Glenn Shoemaker of Oakland was recently appointed as a public member by the Senate Rules Committee. Mr. Shoemaker, now retired, formerly served for eight years as an industry representative on the Advisory Board.

#### MAJOR PROJECTS:

**Future Regulatory Changes.** At the January 25 meeting of the Advisory Board's Legislative Committee, the Committee discussed whether it should adopt a regulation to control the use of piercing valves in the repair of refrigeration systems. The valve is used to enter, test, and add refrigerant to the sealed system of a refrigerator, freezer, or air conditioner. The difficulty is sealing the hole properly with a screw-on type valve. The Committee believes a proper temporary repair is accomplished with a clamp-on type valve, and a permanent repair should be made with a solder-on type valve. After a great deal of discussion, the Committee voted to draft a regulation to control the use of piercing valves in the repair of refrigeration systems.

**Proposed Agreement on Auto Alarm Systems Jurisdiction.** At its January 25 meeting, the Legislative Committee again discussed the fact that service dealers registered with BEAR who install and repair automobile security systems are also required to register with the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR). (See CRLR Vol. 9, No. 1 (Winter 1989) p. 46 for background information.) In order to avoid this dual licensure problem for BEAR licensees, BEAR proposes to enter into an administrative agreement with BAR, similar to the agreement between BEAR and the Contractors State Licensing Board regarding the repair and installation of satellite antennas. That agreement was codified in legislation. The Committee approved a motion directing BEAR Program Manager George Busman to draft appropriate language for the administrative agreement between the agencies.

#### LEGISLATION:

**SB 352 (Presley)** would provide that BEAR field investigators are peace officers, but would not authorize them to carry firearms. This bill is pending in the Senate Judiciary Committee at this writing.

**SB 116 (Rosenthal)** would make a statement of legislative intent regarding chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), which contribute to the depletion of the ozone layer that protects the earth from harmful ultraviolet radiation. Among other things, the bill would require any owner or operator of a retail store, cold storage warehouse, or commercial or industrial building when servicing or disposing of a refrigeration system containing CFCs, and any person who installs, replaces, or services those refrigeration systems, to reuse or recycle the CFCs. The Board is concerned that SB 116's current definition of "refrigeration systems" would include large numbers of refrigerators serviced at a single location by BEAR service dealers. The requirements to recover and recycle CFCs would add substantial costs to the repair process, which costs would be passed on to the consumer. BEAR will solicit comments on SB 116 at its next meeting.

#### RECENT MEETINGS:

At its January 25 meeting, the Legislative Committee discussed whether to adopt a regulation to require service dealers to place a sign at their place of business advising consumers of their right to a written estimate and return of replaced parts not exempt by regulation. The Committee felt that since most repair work is done in the home, the consumer would not notice a sign in the service facility. The Committee suggested that a better way to inform the public of the Bureau's existence and jurisdiction would be to place information statements under specific headings in the yellow pages of telephone directories. This proposal is currently being discussed with Pacific Bell and GTE.

#### FUTURE MEETINGS:

August 25 in San Francisco.  
November 17 in San Diego.

### BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS

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The five-member Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers licenses funeral establishments and embalmers and approves changes of business name or location. It registers apprentice embalmers, approves funeral establishments for