State of California Office of Administrative Law

In re:

Bureau of Household Goods and Services

Regulatory Action:

Title 16, California Code of Regulations

Amend sections: 2767, 2768

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY **ACTION**

Government Code Section 11349.3

OAL Matter Number: 2020-1023-02

OAL Matter Type: Regular (S)

In this action, the Bureau of Household Goods and Services adopts criteria to be used in determining whether a crime, professional misconduct, or other act is substantially related to the professional practice of its licensees for purposes of license denial. suspension, or revocation. The action adopts criteria for determining whether an applicant for a license, or for reinstatement of a license, or for the modification or termination of probation of a license, has been rehabilitated subsequent to a criminal conviction, professional misconduct, or other act. The action also adopts criteria for determining whether a licensee has been rehabilitated, subsequent to a criminal conviction, professional misconduct, or other act, when considering whether to suspend or revoke their license.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11349.3 of the Government Code. This regulatory action becomes effective on 4/9/2021.

Date: April 9, 2021

> Eric Partington Senior Attorney

For:

Kenneth J. Poque

Director

Original: Nicholas Oliver, Bureau Chief

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA--OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW For use by Secretary of State only (See instructions on NOTICE PUBLICATION/REG reverse) EMERGENCY NUMBER NOTICE FILE NUMBER **OAL FILE** 2020-1023-02 **NUMBERS** ENDORSED - FILED For use by Office of Administrative Law (OAL) only of the State of California APR 09 2021 2020 OCT 23 P 1: 20 1:48 PM OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW REGULATIONS NOTICE AGENCY WITH RULEMAKING AUTHORITY AGENCY FILE NUMBER (If any) Bureau of Household Goods and Services A. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE (Complete for publication in Notice Register) 1. SUBJECT OF NOTICE TITLE(S) **FIRST SECTION AFFECTED** 2. REQUESTED PUBLICATION DATE 3. NOTICE TYPE 4. AGENCY CONTACT PERSON TELEPHONE NUMBER FAX NUMBER (Optional) Notice re Proposed Other Regulatory Action **ACTION ON PROPOSED NOTICE** NOTICE REGISTER NUMBER PUBLICATION DATE OAL USE Approved as Approved as Disapproved ONLY Modified B. SUBMISSION OF REGULATIONS (Complete when submitting regulations) 1a. SUBJECT OF REGULATION(S) 1b. ALL PREVIOUS RELATED OAL REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER(S) Substantial Relationship Criteria and Rehabilitation Criteria 2. SPECIFY CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE(S) AND SECTION(S) (Including title 26, If toxics related) ADOPT SECTION(S) AFFECTED (List all section number(s) AMEND individually. Attach 2767, 2768 additional sheet if needed.) TITLE(S) REPEAL 16 TYPE OF FILING Regular Rulemaking (Gov. Changes Without Certificate of Compliance: The agency officer named **Emergency Readopt** Code §11346) below certifies that this agency complied with the (Gov. Code, §11346.1(h)) Regulatory Effect (Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100) provisions of Gov. Code §§11346.2-11347.3 either Resubmittal of disapproved before the emergency regulation was adopted or or withdrawn nonemergency within the time period required by statute. File & Print Print Only filing (Gov. Code §§11349.3, 11349.4) Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn Emergency (Gov. Code, Other (Specify) §11346.1(b)) emergency filing (Gov. Code, §11346.1) 4. ALL BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES OF AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED REGULATIONS AND/OR MATERIAL ADDED TO THE RULEMAKING FILE (Cal. Code Regs. title 1, §44 and Gov. Code §11347.1)

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California Code of Regulations

Title 16. Professional and Vocational Regulations

Division 27. Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair

Order of Adoption

§ 2767. Substantial Relationship Criteria

(a) For the purposes of denial, suspension, or revocation of the registration of a repair service dealer or service contractor pursuant to Section 141, Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475), subdivision (a)(7) of Section 9841, subdivision (a) of Section 9853, or subdivision (b) of Section 9855.7 of the Business and Professions Code, a crime, professional misconduct, or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a service dealer registrant if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a service dealer registrant to perform the functions authorized by histher registration in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare. Such crimes or acts shall include but not be limited to those involving the following:

- (b) In making the substantial relationship determination required under subsection (a) for a crime, the Bureau shall consider all of the following criteria:
 - (1) The nature and gravity of the offense.
 - (2) The number of years elapsed since the date of the offense.
 - (3) The nature and duties of a service dealer or service contractor.
- (c) For the purposes of subsection (a), substantially related crimes, professional misconduct, or acts shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (a)(1) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision or term of Chapter 20, Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code.
- (b) Conviction of a crime involving fiscal dishonesty.
- (2) Crimes or acts involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or theft with the intent to benefit oneself or another or to harm another including, but not limited to:
 - (A) Making or authorizing any statement or advertisement that is untrue or misleading, and that is known, or which by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading.
 - (B) Making any false promises of a character likely to influence, persuade, or induce a customer to authorize the repair, installation, service, or maintenance of equipment.
 - (C) Conduct constituting incompetence or negligence.

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- (D) Any willful departure from or disregard of accepted trade standards for good and workmanlike installation or repair.
- (3) Crimes involving physical violence against others.
- (d) If an applicant or registrant wishes to contest a registration denial, suspension, or revocation based on a conviction, the applicant or registrant may request a hearing pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 9848 to determine if the registration should be denied, suspended, or revoked.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 9814 and 9814.5, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 141, 475, 480, 481, 485, 488, 490, 493, and 9841, 9848, 9853 and 9855.7, Business and Professions Code.

§ 2768. Criteria for Rehabilitation

- (a) The Bureau shall evaluate the rehabilitation of the applicant, registrant, or petitioner and his or her present eligibility for a registration:
- (1)(a) When considering the denial, suspension, or revocation of a registration under the provisions of Section 480 of the Code; pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code on the grounds that the applicant or registrant has been convicted of a crime, the Bureau shall consider whether the applicant or registrant made a showing of rehabilitation, if the applicant or registrant completed the criminal sentence at issue without a violation of parole or probation. In making this determination, the Bureau shall consider the following criteria:
- (2) When considering the suspension or revocation of a registration on the grounds that a service dealer has been convicted of a crime;
- (3) When considering a petition for reinstatement of a registration under the provisions of Section 11522 of the Government Code.
- (b) In evaluating the rehabilitation of the applicant, registrant, or petitioner, the Bureau shall consider the following criteria:
 - (1) The nature and gravity of the crime(s).
 - (2) The length(s) of the applicable parole or probation period(s).
- (3) The extent to which the applicable parole or probation period was shortened or lengthened and the reason(s) the period was modified.
- (4) The terms or conditions of parole or probation and the extent to which they bear on the applicant's or registrant's rehabilitation.
- (5) The extent to which the terms or conditions of parole or probation were modified and the reason(s) for modification.
- (b) If the applicant has not completed the criminal sentence at issue without a violation of probation, the Bureau determines that the applicant did not make the showing of rehabilitation based on the criteria in subsection (a), the denial is based on professional misconduct, the suspension or revocation is based on a disciplinary action as described

- in Section 141 of the Code, or the denial, suspension, or revocation is based on one or more grounds specified in Sections 9841, 9853 or 9855.7 of the Business and Professions Code, the Bureau shall apply the following criteria in evaluating an applicant's or registrant's rehabilitation:
- (1) The nature and the severity of the act(s), professional misconduct, disciplinary action(s) or crime(s) under consideration.
- (2) Evidence of any act(s) committed subsequent to the act(s) or crime(s) under consideration as grounds for denial which also could be considered as grounds for denial under Section 480 of the Business and Professions Code when considering an applicant pursuant to subsection (a)(1) of this section.
- (3) Total criminal record when considering a person pursuant to subsections (a)(2) and (a)(3) of this section.
- (2) The total criminal record, and evidence of any act(s), professional misconduct, disciplinary action(s) or crime(s) committed subsequent to the act(s), professional misconduct, disciplinary action(s) or crime(s) under consideration as grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation.
- (4)(3) The time that has elapsed since commission of the act(s), <u>professional</u> <u>misconduct</u>, <u>disciplinary action(s)</u> or crime(s) under consideration.
- (4) Whether the applicant or registrant has complied with any terms of parole, probation, restitution, or any other sanctions lawfully imposed against the applicant or registrant.
- (5) The extent to which the applicant, registrant, or petitioner has complied with any terms of parole, probation, restitution, or any other sanctions lawfully imposed against the applicant, registrant, or petitioner.
- (6) Evidence, if any, of rehabilitation submitted by the applicant, registrant, or petitioner. Such evidence may include, but is not limited to, proof of additional training or education, evidence of service to the community, and, if applicable, evidence of expungement proceedings, pursuant to Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code.
 - (5) The criteria in subsections (a)(1) through (a)(5), as applicable.
- (6) Evidence of dismissal proceedings pursuant to Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code.
- (7) Whether the applicant or registrant has obtained a certificate of rehabilitation under Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 4852.01) of Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code.
 - (8) Evidence, if any, of rehabilitation submitted by the applicant or registrant.
- (c) When considering a petition for reinstatement of a registration under the provisions of Section 11522 of the Government Code, the Bureau shall evaluate evidence of rehabilitation submitted by the petitioner considering those criteria specified in this section.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 9814 and 9814.5, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 475, 480, 481, 482, 488, 490, 493, and 9841, 9853 and 9857.7, Business and Professions Code.