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**LSG Floor Report For General Calendar-Senate Bills Thursday, August 10, 2017**

<p><b>SB 20</b> By: Taylor, Van / et al.  SP: Gonzales, Larry</p>	<p>Relating to avoiding the abolishment of certain agencies subject to the Texas Sunset Act on September 1, 2017</p>	<p>State Affairs</p>	<p>SB 20 amends section 151.004 of the Occupations Code the date by which certain government entities would be abolished if not renewed by the Texas Legislature. Those agencies include: Texas Medical Board, Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, and the Texas State Board of Social Workers Examiners. The bill would push back the expiration date for these entities from September 1, 2017, to September 1, 2019.</p> <p>The Language of the bill very closely follows the call set forth by Governor Abbott for the Special Session. This bill would allow for the continuation of these agencies for the next two years and provide necessary services for the health and wellbeing for Texas Families.</p>	<p><b>Favorable</b> Evaluated by: Ana Ramon 210-382-4295 <a href="mailto:Ana@Texaslsg.org">Ana@Texaslsg.org</a></p>
<p><b>SB 60</b> By: Taylor, Van / et al.  SP: Gonzales, Larry</p>	<p>Relating to the repeal of certain riders for the Texas Medical Board and the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists from the General Appropriations Act that are contingent upon the approval of certain Acts continuing those agencies during the 85th Regular Session.</p>	<p>Appropriations</p>	<p>This bill repeals two riders passed by SB 1, Acts if the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative, Regular Session, which makes appropriations for the Texas Medical Board, and the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, that were contingent on the continuation of the boards during the 85<sup>th</sup> Regular Session. If this language is not repealed the funds allocated through these riders cannot be used to continue these entities since the Sunset Legislation was not be passed during the 85<sup>th</sup> Regular Session.</p> <p>The following riders are repealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rider 6 in Article VIII regarding the Texas Medical Board</li> <li>• Rider 2 in Article VIII regarding the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists</li> </ul> <p>With the repeal of these riders the funds allocated for these Boards would be available if the legislature chooses to pass the Sunset bill or SB 60 during the 85th (1).</p>	<p><b>Favorable</b> Evaluated by: Ana Ramon 210-382-4295 <a href="mailto:Ana@Texaslsg.org">Ana@Texaslsg.org</a></p>