

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to health access dental licenses;  
 3           reviving, reenacting, and amending s. 466.0067, F.S.,  
 4           relating to the application for a health access dental  
 5           license; reviving, reenacting, and amending s.  
 6           466.00671, F.S., relating to the renewal of such a  
 7           license; reviving and reenacting s. 466.00672, F.S.,  
 8           relating to the revocation of such a license;  
 9           providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13           Section 1. Notwithstanding the January 1, 2020, repeal of  
 14           section 466.0067, Florida Statutes, that section is revived,  
 15           reenacted, and amended, to read:

16           466.0067 Application for health access dental license.—The  
 17           Legislature finds that there is an important state interest in  
 18           attracting dentists to practice in underserved health access  
 19           settings in this state and further, that allowing out-of-state  
 20           dentists who meet certain criteria to practice in health access  
 21           settings without the supervision of a dentist licensed in this  
 22           state is substantially related to achieving this important state  
 23           interest. Therefore, notwithstanding the requirements of s.  
 24           466.006, the board shall grant a health access dental license to  
 25           practice dentistry in this state in health access settings as

26 defined in s. 466.003 to an applicant who ~~that~~:

27 (1) Files an appropriate application approved by the  
28 board;

29 (2) Pays an application license fee for a health access  
30 dental license, laws-and-rule exam fee, and an initial licensure  
31 fee. The fees specified in this subsection may not differ from  
32 an applicant seeking licensure pursuant to s. 466.006;

33 (3) Has not been convicted of or pled nolo contendere to,  
34 regardless of adjudication, any felony or misdemeanor related to  
35 the practice of a health care profession;

36 (4) Submits proof of graduation from a dental school  
37 accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the  
38 American Dental Association or its successor agency;

39 (5) Submits documentation that she or he has completed, or  
40 will obtain before ~~prior to~~ licensure, continuing education  
41 equivalent to this state's requirement for dentists licensed  
42 under s. 466.006 for the last full reporting biennium before  
43 applying for a health access dental license;

44 (6) Submits proof of her or his successful completion of  
45 parts I and II of the dental examination by the National Board  
46 of Dental Examiners and a state or regional clinical dental  
47 licensing examination that the board has determined effectively  
48 measures the applicant's ability to practice safely;

49 (7) Currently holds a valid, active, ~~7~~ dental license in  
50 good standing which has not been revoked, suspended, restricted,

51 or otherwise disciplined from another of the United States, the  
52 District of Columbia, or a United States territory;

53 (8) Has never had a license revoked from another of the  
54 United States, the District of Columbia, or a United States  
55 territory;

56 (9) Has never failed the examination specified in s.  
57 466.006, unless the applicant was reexamined pursuant to s.  
58 466.006 and received a license to practice dentistry in this  
59 state;

60 (10) Has not been reported to the National Practitioner  
61 Data Bank, unless the applicant successfully appealed to have  
62 his or her name removed from the data bank;

63 (11) Submits proof that he or she has been engaged in the  
64 active, clinical practice of dentistry providing direct patient  
65 care for 5 years immediately preceding the date of application,  
66 or in instances when the applicant has graduated from an  
67 accredited dental school within the preceding 5 years, submits  
68 proof of continuous clinical practice providing direct patient  
69 care since graduation; and

70 (12) Has passed an examination covering the laws and rules  
71 of the practice of dentistry in this state as described in s.  
72 466.006(4)(a).

73 Section 2. Notwithstanding the January 1, 2020, repeal of  
74 section 466.00671, Florida Statutes, that section is revived,  
75 reenacted, and amended to read:

76 | 466.00671 Renewal of the health access dental license.—

77 | (1) A health access dental licensee shall apply for  
 78 | renewal each biennium. At the time of renewal, the licensee  
 79 | shall sign a statement that she or he has complied with all  
 80 | continuing education requirements of an active dentist licensee.  
 81 | The board shall renew a health access dental license for an  
 82 | applicant who ~~that~~:

83 | (a) Submits documentation, as approved by the board, from  
 84 | the employer in the health access setting that the licensee has  
 85 | at all times pertinent remained an employee;

86 | (b) Has not been convicted of or pled nolo contendere to,  
 87 | regardless of adjudication, any felony or misdemeanor related to  
 88 | the practice of a health care profession;

89 | (c) Has paid a renewal fee set by the board. The fee  
 90 | specified herein may not differ from the renewal fee adopted by  
 91 | the board pursuant to s. 466.013. The department may provide  
 92 | payment for these fees through the dentist's salary, benefits,  
 93 | or other department funds;

94 | (d) Has not failed the examination specified in s. 466.006  
 95 | since initially receiving a health access dental license or  
 96 | since the last renewal; and

97 | (e) Has not been reported to the National Practitioner  
 98 | Data Bank, unless the applicant successfully appealed to have  
 99 | his or her name removed from the data bank.

100 | (2) The board may undertake measures to independently

101 | verify the health access dental licensee's ongoing employment  
 102 | status in the health access setting.

103 |         Section 3. Notwithstanding the January 1, 2020, repeal of  
 104 | section 466.00672, Florida Statutes, that section is revived and  
 105 | reenacted to read:

106 |             466.00672 Revocation of health access dental license.—

107 |             (1) The board shall revoke a health access dental license  
 108 | upon:

109 |             (a) The licensee's termination from employment from a  
 110 | qualifying health access setting;

111 |             (b) Final agency action determining that the licensee has  
 112 | violated any provision of s. 466.027 or s. 466.028, other than  
 113 | infractions constituting citation offenses or minor violations;  
 114 | or

115 |             (c) Failure of the Florida dental licensure examination.

116 |             (2) Failure of an individual licensed pursuant to s.  
 117 | 466.0067 to limit the practice of dentistry to health access  
 118 | settings as defined in s. 466.003 constitutes the unlicensed  
 119 | practice of dentistry.

120 |         Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.