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An act relating to dentistry; amending s.
466.004, F.S.; revising qualifications for
membership on the Board of Dentistry; providing
applicability; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. (1) Subsection (1) of section 466.004,
Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

466.004 Board of Dentistry.--

(1) To carry out the provisions of this chapter, there
is created within the department the Board of Dentistry
consisting of 11 members who shall be appointed by the
Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate. Seven
members of the board must be licensed dentists actively
engaged in the clinical practice of dentistry in this state
~~whose principal source of income is derived from direct~~
~~patient care~~; two members must be licensed dental hygienists
actively engaged in the practice of dental hygiene in this
state; and the remaining two members must be laypersons who
are not, and have never been, dentists, dental hygienists, or
members of any closely related profession or occupation. Each
member of the board who is a licensed dentist must have been
actively engaged in the practice of dentistry primarily as a
clinical practitioner for at least 5 years immediately
preceding the date of her or his appointment to the board and
must remain primarily in clinical practice during all
subsequent periods of appointment to the board. Each member of
the board ~~Any person~~ who is connected in any way with any
dental college or community college must be in compliance with

1 ~~s. 455.531 may be appointed to the board so long as that~~
2 ~~connection does not result in a relationship wherein such~~
3 ~~college provides more than 5 percent of the person's income.~~
4 At least one member of the board must be 60 years of age or
5 older. Members shall be appointed for 4-year terms.

6 (2) The amendment of subsection (1) of section
7 466.004, Florida Statutes, by this section applies to
8 appointments to the Board of Dentistry made on or after the
9 effective date of this act.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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