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Amendment No. ____ Barcode 524476

	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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11	Senator Fasano moved the following amendment:		
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13	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)		
14	On page 79, between lines 17 and 18,		
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16	insert:		
17	Section 58. Subsection (2) of section 466.006, Florida		
18	Statutes, is amended to read:		
19	466.006 Examination of dentists.--		
20	(2) An applicant shall be entitled to take the		
21	examinations required in this section to practice dentistry in		
22	this state if the applicant:		
23	(a) Is 18 years of age or older.		
24	(b) <u>1.</u> Is a graduate of a dental school accredited by		
25	the Commission on Accreditation of the American Dental		
26	Association or its successor agency, if any, or any other		
27	nationally recognized accrediting agency; or-		
28	<u>2. Is a dental student in the final year of such an</u>		
29	<u>accredited school and has completed all the coursework</u>		
30	<u>necessary to prepare him or her to perform the clinical and</u>		
31	<u>didactic procedures required to pass the examination. With</u>		

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1 respect to a dental student in his or her final year of dental
2 school, a passing score on the examination is valid for 180
3 days after the date the examination was completed. Pursuant to
4 s. 466.011, a dental student who takes the licensure
5 examination during his or her final year of an approved dental
6 school must have graduated before being certified for
7 licensure.

8 (c) Has successfully completed the National Board of
9 Dental Examiners dental examination within 10 years before of
10 the date of application.

11 Section 59. Section 466.0065, Florida Statutes, is
12 created to read:

13 466.0065 Regional licensure examinations.--

14 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that schools
15 of dentistry be allowed to offer regional licensure
16 examinations to dental students who are in the final year of
17 an approved dental school for the sole purpose of facilitating
18 the student's licensing in other jurisdictions. This section
19 does not allow a person to be licensed as a dentist in this
20 state without taking the examination as set forth in s.
21 466.006 nor does this section mean that regional examinations
22 administered under this section may be substituted for
23 complying with testing requirements under s. 466.006.

24 (2) Each school of dentistry in this state which is
25 accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American
26 Dental Association or its successor agency may, upon written
27 approval by the Board of Dentistry, offer regional licensure
28 examinations only to dental students in the final year of an
29 approved dental school, if the board has approved the hosting
30 school's submitted written plan to comply with the following
31 conditions:

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1 (a) The examining body must be a member of the
2 American Association of Dental Examiners.

3 (b) The student must have successfully completed parts
4 I and II of the National Board of Dental Examiners
5 examination within 2 years before taking the regional
6 examination.

7 (c) The student must possess medical malpractice
8 insurance in amounts that the board determines to be
9 sufficient to cover any reasonably foreseeable incident of harm
10 to a patient during the clinical portion of the examination.

11 (d) The examination must be monitored by dentists
12 licensed in this state who are approved by the board and who
13 have completed a mandatory standardization exercise before
14 each practical or clinical examination.

15 (e) Adequate arrangements must be made, when
16 necessary, for patients who require followup care as a result
17 of procedures performed during the clinical portion of the
18 examination.

19 (f) The board chairman or the chairman's designee must
20 be allowed to observe testing while it is in progress.

21 (g) Each student, upon applying to take the regional
22 examination, must receive written disclosure in at least
23 12-point boldface type which states: "This examination does
24 not meet the licensure requirements of chapter 466, Florida
25 Statutes, for licensure in the State of Florida. Persons
26 wishing to practice dentistry in Florida must pass the Florida
27 licensure examination. For more information on Florida's
28 licensure examination procedures, please contact the Florida
29 Board of Dentistry."

30 (h) The student must be enrolled as a dental student
31 in his or her final year of an approved dental school that is

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1 accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American
2 Dental Association or its successor agency.

3 (i) The student must have completed all the coursework
4 necessary to prepare him or her to perform all clinical and
5 didactic procedures required to pass the examination.

6 (j) The student's academic record must not include any
7 evidence suggesting that the student poses an unreasonable
8 risk to any live patients who are required for the clinical
9 examination. In order to protect the health and safety of the
10 residents of this state, the board may request additional
11 information and documents pertaining to the candidate's mental
12 and physical health in order to fully assess the candidate's
13 fitness to engage in exercises involving a live patient.

14 (3) A student who takes a regional examination
15 pursuant to this section does not have standing to assert that
16 a state agency has taken action for which a hearing may be
17 sought under ss. 120.569 and 120.57.

18 Section 60. The sum of \$58,179 is appropriated from
19 the Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund to the Department of
20 Health, and one position is authorized for the purpose of
21 implementing this act during the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

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23 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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27 And the title is amended as follows:

28 On page 6, line 22, after the semicolon,

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30 insert:

31 amending s. 466.006, F.S.; allowing certain

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1 dental students to take the examination
2 required for practicing dentistry in this
3 state; creating s. 466.0065, F.S.; allowing
4 certain dental students to take regional
5 licensure examinations under specified
6 conditions; restricting the applicability of
7 examination results; requiring approval by the
8 Board of Dentistry and providing prerequisites
9 to such approval; providing an appropriation
10 and authorizing a position;

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