

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

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Representative Kravitz offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 189 and 190, insert:

Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 466.006, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

466.006 Examination of dentists.--

(2) An applicant shall be entitled to take the examinations required in this section to practice dentistry in this state if the applicant:

(a) Is 18 years of age or older.

(b)1. Is a graduate of a dental school accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency, if any, or any other nationally recognized accrediting agency; or-

2. Is a dental student in the final year of such an accredited school who has completed all the coursework necessary

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28 to prepare him or her to perform the clinical and diagnostic  
29 procedures required to pass the examinations. With respect to a  
30 dental student in his or her final year of dental school, a  
31 passing score on the examinations is valid for 180 days after  
32 the date the examinations were completed. A dental school  
33 student who takes the licensure examinations during his or her  
34 final year of an approved dental school must have graduated  
35 before being certified for licensure pursuant to s. 466.011.

36 (c) Has successfully completed the National Board of  
37 Dental Examiners dental examination within 10 years before ~~of~~  
38 the date of application.

39 Section 3. Section 466.0065, Florida Statutes, is created  
40 to read:

41 466.0065 Regional licensure examinations.--

42 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that schools of  
43 dentistry be allowed to offer regional licensure examinations to  
44 dental students who are in the final year of an approved dental  
45 school for the sole purpose of facilitating the student's  
46 licensing in other jurisdictions. This section does not allow a  
47 person to be licensed as a dentist in this state without taking  
48 the examinations as set forth in s. 466.006, nor does this  
49 section mean that regional examinations administered under this  
50 section may be substituted for complying with testing  
51 requirements under s. 466.006.

52 (2) Each school of dentistry in this state which is  
53 accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American  
54 Dental Association or its successor agency may, upon written  
55 approval by the Board of Dentistry, offer regional licensure  
56 examinations only to dental students in the final year of an

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57 approved dental school, if the board has approved the hosting  
58 school's submitted written plan to comply with the following  
59 conditions:

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

62 (b) The student must have successfully completed parts I  
63 and II of the National Board of Dental Examiners dental  
64 examination within 2 years before taking the regional  
65 examination.

66 (c) The student must possess medical malpractice insurance  
67 in amounts that the board determines to be sufficient to cover  
68 any reasonably foreseeable incident of harm to a patient during  
69 the clinical portion of the regional examination.

70 (d) At least one of the examination monitors must be a  
71 Florida-licensed dentist who has completed all necessary  
72 standardization exercises required by the regional examination  
73 body.

74 (e) Adequate arrangements must be made, when necessary,  
75 for patients who require followup care as a result of procedures  
76 performed during the clinical portion of the regional  
77 examination.

78 (f) The board chair or the chair's designee must be  
79 allowed to observe testing while it is in progress.

80 (g) Each student, upon applying to take the regional  
81 examination, must receive written disclosure in at least 12-  
82 point boldface type which states: "This examination does not  
83 meet the licensure requirements of chapter 466, Florida  
84 Statutes, for licensure in the State of Florida. Persons wishing  
85 to practice dentistry in Florida must pass the Florida licensure

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86 examinations. For more information on Florida's licensure  
87 examination procedures, please contact the Florida Board of  
88 Dentistry."

89 (h) The student must be enrolled as a dental student in  
90 his or her final year of an approved dental school that is  
91 accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American  
92 Dental Association or its successor agency.

93 (i) The student must have completed all the coursework  
94 necessary to prepare him or her to perform all clinical and  
95 diagnostic procedures required to pass the regional examination.

96 (j) The student's academic record must not include any  
97 evidence suggesting that the student poses an unreasonable risk  
98 to any live patients who are required for the clinical portion  
99 of the regional examination. In order to protect the health and  
100 safety of the residents of this state, the board may request  
101 additional information and documents pertaining to the  
102 candidate's mental and physical health in order to fully assess  
103 the candidate's fitness to engage in exercises involving a live  
104 patient.

105 (3) Neither a student who takes the examination pursuant  
106 to this section, nor a dental school submitting a plan pursuant  
107 to this section, nor a regional examination body which a dental  
108 school proposed to host pursuant to this section has standing to  
109 assert that a state agency has taken action for which a hearing  
110 may be sought under ss. 120.569 and 120.57.

112 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

113 Remove line 25, and insert:

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114 amending s. 466.006, F.S.; allowing certain dental students to  
115 take the examinations required to practice dentistry in this  
116 state under specified conditions; providing a prerequisite to  
117 licensure of such students; creating s. 466.0065, F.S.; allowing  
118 certain dental students to take regional licensure examinations  
119 under specified conditions; restricting the applicability of  
120 examination results to licensing in other jurisdictions;  
121 requiring approval by the Board of Dentistry and providing  
122 prerequisites to such approval; providing an effective date.