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Senator Fasano moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 134, between lines 21 and 22,

insert:

Section 102. 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 a program
at such an accredited school who has completed all the
coursework necessary to prepare the student to perform the
clinical and diagnostic procedures required to pass the

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1 examinations. With respect to a dental student in the final
2 year of a program at a dental school, a passing score on the
3 examinations is valid for 180 days after the date the
4 examinations were completed. A dental school student who takes
5 the licensure examinations during the student's final year of
6 an approved dental school must have graduated before being
7 certified for licensure pursuant to s. 466.011.

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

11 Section 103. 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 a
17 program at an approved dental school for the sole purpose of
18 facilitating the student's licensing in other jurisdictions.
19 This section does not allow a person to be licensed as a
20 dentist in this state without taking the examinations as set
21 forth in s. 466.006, nor does this section mean that regional
22 examinations administered under this section may be
23 substituted for complying with testing requirements under s.
24 466.006.

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

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1 following conditions:

2 (a) A member of the regional examination body's board
3 of directors or equivalent thereof must be a member of the
4 American Association of Dental Examiners.

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

8 (c) The student must possess medical malpractice
9 insurance in amounts not less than the amounts required to
10 take the Florida licensure examinations.

11 (d) At least one of the examination monitors must be a
12 dentist licensed in this state who has completed all necessary
13 standardization exercises required by the regional examination
14 body. Recruitment of examination monitors is the
15 responsibility of the regional examination body.

16 (e) Adequate arrangements, as defined by the regional
17 examination body and as otherwise required by law, must be
18 made, when necessary, for patients who require followup care
19 as a result of procedures performed during the clinical
20 portion of the regional examination. The regional examination
21 body must inform patients in writing of their right to
22 followup care in advance of any procedures performed by a
23 student.

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

26 (g) Each student, upon being deemed eligible by the
27 dental school to apply to the regional examination body to
28 take the regional examination, must receive written disclosure
29 in at least 12-point boldface type that states: "This
30 examination does not meet the licensure requirements of
31 chapter 466, Florida Statutes, for licensure in the State of

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1 Florida. Persons wishing to practice dentistry in Florida must
2 pass the Florida licensure examinations."

3 (h) The student must be enrolled as a dental student
4 in the student's final year of a program at an approved dental
5 school that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation
6 of the American Dental Association or its successor agency.

7 (i) The student must have completed all coursework
8 deemed necessary by the dental school to prepare the student
9 to perform all clinical and diagnostic procedures required to
10 pass the regional examination.

11 (j) The student's academic record must not include any
12 evidence suggesting that the student poses an unreasonable
13 risk to any live patients who are required for the clinical
14 portion of the regional examination. In order to protect the
15 health and safety of the public, the dental school may request
16 additional information and documents pertaining to the
17 candidate's mental and physical health in order to fully
18 assess the candidate's fitness to engage in exercises
19 involving a live patient.

20 (3) A student who takes the examination pursuant to
21 this section, a dental school that submits a plan pursuant to
22 this section, or a regional examination body that a dental
23 school proposes to host under this section does not have
24 standing to assert that a state agency has taken action for
25 which a hearing may be sought under ss. 120.569 and 120.57.

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27 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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31 And the title is amended as follows:

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1 On page 10, line 28, after the semicolon,
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3 insert:
4 amending s. 466.006, F.S.; allowing certain
5 dental students to take the examinations
6 required to practice dentistry in this state
7 under specified conditions; providing a
8 prerequisite to licensure of such students;
9 creating s. 466.0065, F.S.; allowing certain
10 dental students to take regional licensure
11 examinations under specified conditions;
12 restricting the applicability of examination
13 results to licensing in other jurisdictions;
14 requiring approval by the Board of Dentistry
15 and providing prerequisites to such approval;

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