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2 An act relating to dental licensure; amending  
3 s. 466.006, F.S.; allowing certain dental  
4 students to take the examinations required to  
5 practice dentistry in this state under  
6 specified conditions; providing a prerequisite  
7 to licensure of such students; creating s.  
8 466.0065, F.S.; allowing certain dental  
9 students to take regional licensure  
10 examinations under specified conditions;  
11 restricting the applicability of examination  
12 results to licensing in other jurisdictions;  
13 requiring approval by the Board of Dentistry  
14 and providing prerequisites to such approval;  
15 providing an effective date.  
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17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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19 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 466.006, Florida  
20 Statutes, is amended to read:

21 466.006 Examination of dentists.--

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

25 (a) Is 18 years of age or older.

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

30 2. Is a dental student in the final year of a program  
31 at such an accredited school who has completed all the

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

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

13 Section 2. Section 466.0065, Florida Statutes, is  
14 created to read:

15 466.0065 Regional licensure examinations.--

16 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that schools  
17 of dentistry be allowed to offer regional licensure  
18 examinations to dental students who are in the final year of a  
19 program at an approved dental school for the sole purpose of  
20 facilitating the student's licensing in other jurisdictions.  
21 This section does not allow a person to be licensed as a  
22 dentist in this state without taking the examinations as set  
23 forth in s. 466.006, nor does this section mean that regional  
24 examinations administered under this section may be  
25 substituted for complying with testing requirements under s.  
26 466.006.

27 (2) Each school of dentistry in this state which is  
28 accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American  
29 Dental Association or its successor agency may, upon written  
30 approval by the Board of Dentistry, offer regional licensure  
31 examinations only to dental students in the final year of a

1 program at an approved dental school, if the board has  
2 approved the hosting school's written plan to comply with the  
3 following conditions:

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 (g) Each student, upon being deemed eligible by the  
29 dental school to apply to the regional examination body to  
30 take the regional examination, must receive written disclosure  
31 in at least 12-point boldface type that states: "This

1 examination does not meet the licensure requirements of  
2 chapter 466, Florida Statutes, for licensure in the State of  
3 Florida. Persons wishing to practice dentistry in Florida must  
4 pass the Florida licensure examinations."

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

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

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

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

28 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.  
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