



1 | the remaining two members must be laypersons who are not, and  
2 | have never been, dentists, dental hygienists, or members of  
3 | any closely related profession or occupation. Each member of  
4 | the board who is a licensed dentist must have been actively  
5 | engaged in the practice of dentistry primarily as a clinical  
6 | practitioner for at least 5 years immediately preceding the  
7 | date of her or his appointment to the board and must remain  
8 | primarily in clinical practice during all subsequent periods  
9 | of appointment to the board. Each member of the board who is  
10 | connected in any way with any dental college or community  
11 | college must be in compliance with s. 456.007. At least one  
12 | member of the board must be 60 years of age or older. Members  
13 | shall be appointed for 4-year terms, but may serve no more  
14 | than a total of 10 years.

15 |       Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 466.006, Florida  
16 | Statutes, is amended to read:

17 |       466.006 Examination of dentists.--

18 |       (4) Notwithstanding s. 456.017(1)(c), to be licensed  
19 | as a dentist in this state, an applicant must successfully  
20 | complete the following:

21 |       (a) A written examination on the laws and rules of the  
22 | state regulating the practice of dentistry;

23 |       (b)1. A practical or clinical examination, which shall  
24 | be administered and graded by dentists licensed in this state  
25 | and employed by the department for just such purpose. The  
26 | practical examination shall include:

27 |       a. Two restorations, and the board by rule shall  
28 | determine the class of such restorations and whether they  
29 | shall be performed on mannequins, live patients, or both. At  
30 | least one restoration shall be on a live patient;

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1           b. A demonstration of periodontal skills on a live  
2 patient;

3           c. A demonstration of prosthetics and restorative  
4 skills in complete and partial dentures and crowns and bridges  
5 and the utilization of practical methods of evaluation,  
6 specifically including the evaluation by the candidate of  
7 completed laboratory products such as, but not limited to,  
8 crowns and inlays filled to prepared model teeth;

9           d. A demonstration of restorative skills on a  
10 mannequin which requires the candidate to complete procedures  
11 performed in preparation for a cast restoration; and

12           e. A demonstration of endodontic skills.

13           2. The department shall consult with the board in  
14 planning the times, places, physical facilities, training of  
15 personnel, and other arrangements concerning the  
16 administration of the examination. The board or a duly  
17 designated committee thereof shall approve the final plans for  
18 the administration of the examination.

19           3. If the applicant fails to pass the clinical  
20 examination in three attempts, the applicant shall not be  
21 eligible for reexamination unless she or he completes  
22 additional educational requirements established by the board;  
23 and

24           (c) A diagnostic skills examination demonstrating  
25 ability to diagnose conditions within the human oral cavity  
26 and its adjacent tissues and structures from photographs,  
27 slides, radiographs, or models pursuant to rules of the board.  
28 If an applicant fails to pass the diagnostic skills  
29 examination in three attempts, the applicant shall not be  
30 eligible for reexamination unless she or he completes  
31 additional educational requirements established by the board.

1 (d) The board may by rule provide for additional  
2 procedures which are to be tested, provided such procedures  
3 shall be common to the practice of general dentistry. The  
4 board by rule shall determine the passing grade for each  
5 procedure and the acceptable variation for examiners. No such  
6 rule shall apply retroactively.

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8 The department shall require a mandatory standardization  
9 exercise for all examiners prior to each practical or clinical  
10 examination and shall retain for employment only those  
11 dentists who have substantially adhered to the standard of  
12 grading established at such exercise.

13 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
14 466.007, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15 466.007 Examination of dental hygienists.--

16 (3) A graduate of a dental college or school shall be  
17 entitled to take the examinations required in this section to  
18 practice dental hygiene in this state if, in addition to the  
19 requirements specified in subsection (2), the graduate meets  
20 the following requirements:

21 (a) Submits the following credentials for review by  
22 the board:

23 1. Transcripts totaling ~~of pre-dental education and~~  
24 ~~dental education totaling 5 academic years of postsecondary~~  
25 ~~education, including~~ 4 academic years of postsecondary dental  
26 education; and

27 2. A dental school diploma which is comparable to a  
28 D.D.S. or D.M.D.

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30 Such credentials shall be submitted in a manner provided by  
31 rule of the board. The board shall approve those credentials

1 | which comply with this paragraph and with rules of the board  
2 | adopted pursuant to this paragraph. The provisions of this  
3 | paragraph notwithstanding, an applicant of a foreign dental  
4 | college or school not accredited in accordance with s.  
5 | 466.006(2)(b) who cannot produce the credentials required by  
6 | this paragraph, as a result of political or other conditions  
7 | in the country in which the applicant received his or her  
8 | education, may seek the board's approval of his or her  
9 | educational background by submitting, in lieu of the  
10 | credentials required in this paragraph, such other reasonable  
11 | and reliable evidence as may be set forth by board rule. The  
12 | board shall not accept such other evidence until it has made a  
13 | reasonable attempt to obtain the credentials required by this  
14 | paragraph from the educational institutions the applicant is  
15 | alleged to have attended, unless the board is otherwise  
16 | satisfied that such credentials cannot be obtained.

17 |       Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 466.0135, Florida  
18 | Statutes, is amended to read:

19 |       466.0135 Continuing education; dentists.--

20 |       (1) In addition to the other requirements for renewal  
21 | set out in this chapter, each licensed dentist shall be  
22 | required to complete biennially not less than 30 hours of  
23 | continuing professional education in dental subjects. Programs  
24 | of continuing education shall be programs of learning that  
25 | contribute directly to the dental education of the dentist and  
26 | may include, but shall not be limited to, attendance at  
27 | lectures, study clubs, college postgraduate courses, or  
28 | scientific sessions of conventions; and research, graduate  
29 | study, teaching, or service as a clinician. Programs of  
30 | continuing education shall be acceptable when adhering to the  
31 | following general guidelines:

1           (a) The aim of continuing education for dentists is to  
2 improve all phases of dental health care delivery to the  
3 public.

4           (b) Continuing education courses shall address one or  
5 more of the following areas of professional development,  
6 including, but not limited to:

7           1. Basic medical and scientific subjects, including,  
8 but not limited to, biology, physiology, pathology,  
9 biochemistry, and pharmacology;

10           2. Clinical and technological subjects, including, but  
11 not limited to, clinical techniques and procedures, materials,  
12 and equipment; and

13           3. Subjects pertinent to oral health and safety.

14           (c) The board may also authorize up to three hours of  
15 credit biennially for a practice-management course that  
16 includes principles of ethical practice management, provides  
17 substance abuse, effective communication with patients, time  
18 management, and burn-out prevention instruction.

19           ~~(d)(e)~~ Continuing education credits shall be earned at  
20 the rate of one-half credit hour per 25-30 contact minutes of  
21 instruction and one credit hour per 50-60 contact minutes of  
22 instruction.

23           Section 5. Section 466.021, Florida Statutes, is  
24 amended to read:

25           466.021 Employment of unlicensed persons by dentist;  
26 penalty.--Every duly licensed dentist who uses the services of  
27 any unlicensed person for the purpose of constructing,  
28 altering, repairing, or duplicating any denture, partial  
29 denture, bridge splint, or orthodontic or prosthetic appliance  
30 shall be required to furnish such unlicensed person with a  
31 written work order in such form as prescribed by rule of the

1 board. This form shall be dated and signed by such dentist and  
2 shall include the patient's name or number with sufficient  
3 descriptive information to clearly identify the case for each  
4 separate and individual piece of work. A copy of such work  
5 order shall be retained in a ~~permanent~~ file in the dentist's  
6 office for a period of 4 2 years, and the original work order  
7 shall be retained in a ~~permanent~~ file for a period of 4 2  
8 years by such unlicensed person in her or his place of  
9 business. Such ~~permanent~~ file of work orders to be kept by  
10 such dentist or by such unlicensed person shall be open to  
11 inspection at any reasonable time by the department or its  
12 duly constituted agent. Failure of the dentist to keep ~~such~~  
13 ~~permanent~~ records of such work orders shall subject the  
14 dentist to suspension or revocation of her or his license to  
15 practice dentistry. Failure of such unlicensed person to have  
16 in her or his possession a work order as required by this  
17 section shall be admissible evidence of a violation of this  
18 chapter and shall constitute a misdemeanor of the second  
19 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.  
20 ~~Nothing in~~ This section does not ~~shall~~ preclude a registered  
21 dental laboratory from working for another registered dental  
22 laboratory, provided that such work is performed pursuant to  
23 written authorization, in a form to be prescribed by rule of  
24 the board, which evidences that the originating laboratory has  
25 obtained a valid work order and which sets forth the work to  
26 be performed. ~~Furthermore, nothing in~~ This section does not  
27 ~~shall~~ preclude a registered laboratory from providing its  
28 services to dentists licensed and practicing in another state,  
29 provided that such work is requested or otherwise authorized  
30 in written form which clearly identifies the name and address  
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1 of the requesting dentist and which sets forth the work to be  
2 performed.

3 Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 466.025, Florida  
4 Statutes, is amended to read:

5 466.025 Permitting of dental interns serving at state  
6 institutions; certification of dentists practicing at  
7 government facilities; permitting of nonprofit corporations.--

8 (2) The department shall have the authority to issue  
9 temporary certificates to graduates of accredited dental  
10 schools ~~dentists~~ to practice in state and county government  
11 facilities, working under the general supervision of licensed  
12 dentists of this state in the state or county facility,  
13 provided such certificates shall be issued only to graduates  
14 of schools approved by the board and further subject to  
15 cancellation for just cause. A certificate issued under this  
16 section is valid only for such time as the dentist remains  
17 employed by a state or county government facility.

18 Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Revises provisions relating to the practice of dentistry.  
Limits service on the Board of Dentistry. Clarifies  
examination provisions. Revises certain educational  
requirements to take the licensure examination.  
Authorizes additional continuing education. Increases a  
recordkeeping requirement. Authorizes the issuance of  
temporary licenses to certain unlicensed persons.