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1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to examination of dentists; amending  
 3           s. 466.006, F.S.; revising the eligibility  
 4           requirements for taking examinations required to  
 5           practice dentistry; authorizing applicants enrolled in  
 6           a recognized dental specialty program on a specified  
 7           date to take the examinations if specified conditions  
 8           are met; providing for future expiration of such  
 9           authorization; providing an effective date.

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 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 13           Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 466.006, Florida  
 14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15           466.006 Examination of dentists.—

16           (3) If an applicant is a graduate of a dental college or  
 17 school not accredited in accordance with paragraph (2) (b) or of  
 18 a dental college or school not approved by the board, the  
 19 applicant is not entitled to take the examinations required in  
 20 this section to practice dentistry unless the applicant ~~until~~  
 21 ~~she or he~~ satisfies one of the following requirements:

22           (a) Completes a program of study, as defined by the board  
 23 by rule, at an accredited American dental school and  
 24 demonstrates receipt of a D.D.S. or D.M.D. from that ~~said~~  
 25 school; ~~or~~

26           (b) Submits proof of having successfully completed at least  
 27 2 consecutive academic years in ~~at~~ a full-time supplemental  
 28 general dentistry program taught at an institution accredited by  
 29 the ~~American Dental Association~~ Commission on Dental

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30 Accreditation. This program must provide didactic and clinical  
31 education at the level of a D.D.S. or D.M.D. program ~~accredited~~  
32 ~~by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental~~  
33 ~~Accreditation.~~ For purposes of this paragraph, a supplemental  
34 general dentistry program does not include dental specialty  
35 programs. A supplemental general dentistry program may include a  
36 2-year advanced education in general dentistry program or a 2-  
37 year general practice residency program if the program is  
38 specifically designed as a supplemental general dentistry  
39 program that provides didactic and clinical education at the  
40 level of a D.D.S. or D.M.D. program; or

41 (c)1. Was enrolled on March 23, 2012, in a dental specialty  
42 program recognized by the American Dental Association,  
43 maintained continuous enrollment until successfully completing  
44 the program, and meets the following requirements:

45 a. Completes a full-time matriculated specialty training  
46 program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation in  
47 a specialty area recognized by the American Dental Association;  
48 and

49 b. Presents to the board official transcripts that verify  
50 completion of all didactic and clinical requirements and an  
51 official certificate from the sponsoring institution indicating  
52 successful completion of the program.

53 2. This paragraph expires October 1, 2014.

54 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.