

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Garcia

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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 a ~~at~~ 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. All eligible applicants for licensure under this
54 paragraph must be licensed on or before January 15, 2015.

55 3. This paragraph expires January 15, 2015.

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