

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  
 27 least 2 consecutive academic years in ~~at~~ a full-time  
 28 supplemental general dentistry program taught at an institution

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29 | accredited by the ~~American Dental Association~~ Commission on  
30 | Dental Accreditation. This program must provide didactic and  
31 | clinical education at the level of a D.D.S. or D.M.D. program  
32 | ~~accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on~~  
33 | ~~Dental Accreditation.~~ For purposes of this paragraph, a  
34 | supplemental general dentistry program does not include dental  
35 | specialty programs. A supplemental general dentistry program may  
36 | include a 2-year advanced education in general dentistry program  
37 | or a 2-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) 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 | 1. 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 | 2. Presents to the board official transcripts that verify  
49 | completion of all didactic and clinical requirements and an  
50 | official certificate from the sponsoring institution indicating  
51 | successful completion of the program.

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53 | This paragraph expires October 1, 2014.

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