

By Senator Hays

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to dental licensing; amending s.
3 466.006, F.S.; exempting certain internationally
4 trained dentists from the requirement that an
5 applicant for licensure must be a graduate of an
6 accredited dental college or submit proof of having
7 completed 2 consecutive academic years at an
8 accredited dental school before being permitted to
9 take the dental examination; providing an effective
10 date.

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

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

16 466.006 Examination of dentists.—

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

22 (a) Until she or he satisfies one of the following:

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

27 2. ~~(b)~~ Submits proof of having successfully completed at
28 least 2 consecutive academic years at a full-time supplemental
29 general dentistry program accredited by the American Dental

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30 Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. ~~The~~ This program
31 must provide didactic and clinical education at the level of a
32 D.D.S. or D.M.D. program accredited by the American Dental
33 Association Commission on Dental Accreditation; or

34 (b) Unless he or she is an internationally trained dentist
35 who holds an active license to practice dentistry full time in
36 another state or territory of the United States, the District of
37 Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and has been
38 practicing dentistry full time for at least 2 consecutive years.
39 Such license must be in good standing and not subject to a
40 pending penalty.

41 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.