| 1 | A bill to be entitled |
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| 2 | An act relating to dentistry and dental hygiene |
| 3 | examinations; amending ss. 466.006 and 466.007, F.S.; |
| 4 | requiring the use of a manikin rather than a live |
| 5 | patient during a licensure examination of a dentist or |
| 6 | dental hygienist in lieu of a live patient; amending |
| 7 | s. 466.0065, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes |
| 8 | made by the act; repealing s. 466.0075, F.S., relating |
| 9 | to required medical malpractice insurance for |
| 10 | applicants for examination; providing an effective |
| 11 | date. |
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| 13 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: |
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| 15 | Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section |
| 16 | 466.006, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: |
| 17 | 466.006 Examination of dentists |
| 18 | (5)(a) The practical examination required under subsection |
| 19 | (4) <u>is</u> shall be the American Dental Licensing Examination |
| 20 | developed by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., or |
| 21 | its successor entity, if any, provided the board finds that the |
| 22 | successor entity's clinical examination complies with the |
| 23 | provisions of this section, and <u>must</u> shall include, at a |
| 24 | minimum: |
| 25 | 1. A comprehensive diagnostic skills examination covering |
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26 the full scope of dentistry and an examination on applied 27 clinical diagnosis and treatment planning in dentistry for 28 dental candidates.;

29 2. Two restorations on a <u>manikin that has typodont teeth</u> 30 <u>with simulated caries as approved by the Commission on Dental</u> 31 <u>Competency Assessments</u> live patient or patients. The board by 32 rule shall determine the class of such restorations.;

33 3. A demonstration of periodontal skills on a <u>manikin that</u>
 34 <u>has typodont teeth with simulated calculus as approved by the</u>
 35 Commission on Dental Competency Assessments. live patient;

36 4. A demonstration of prosthetics and restorative skills 37 in complete and partial dentures and crowns and bridges and the 38 utilization of practical methods of evaluation, specifically 39 including the evaluation by the candidate of completed 40 laboratory products such as, but not limited to, crowns and 41 inlays filled to prepared model teeth.;

42 5. A demonstration of restorative skills on a <u>manikin</u>
43 mannequin which requires the candidate to complete procedures
44 performed in preparation for a cast restoration.+

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6. A demonstration of endodontic skills .; and

46 7. A diagnostic skills examination demonstrating ability 47 to diagnose conditions within the human oral cavity and its 48 adjacent tissues and structures from photographs, slides, 49 radiographs, or models pursuant to rules of the board. If an 50 applicant fails to pass the diagnostic skills examination in

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51 three attempts, the applicant <u>is shall</u> not be eligible for 52 reexamination unless she or he completes additional educational 53 requirements established by the board.

55 The department shall require a mandatory standardization 56 exercise for all examiners prior to each practical or clinical 57 examination and shall retain for employment only those dentists 58 who have substantially adhered to the standard of grading 59 established at such exercise.

60 Section 2. Paragraphs (c), (e), and (j) of subsection (2) 61 of section 466.0065, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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466.0065 Regional licensure examinations. -

63 Each school of dentistry in this state which is (2) 64 accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency may, upon written 65 66 approval by the Board of Dentistry, offer regional licensure examinations only to dental students in the final year of a 67 68 program at an approved dental school, if the board has approved 69 the hosting school's written plan to comply with all of the 70 following conditions:

71 (c) The student must possess medical malpractice insurance 72 in amounts not less than the amounts required to take the 73 Florida licensure examinations.

74 (e) Adequate arrangements, as defined by the regional
 75 examination body and as otherwise required by law, must be made,

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| 76 | when necessary, for patients who require followup care as a |
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| 77 | result of procedures performed during the clinical portion of |
| 78 | the regional examination. The regional examination body must |
| 79 | inform patients in writing of their right to followup care in |
| 80 | advance of any procedures performed by a student. |
| 81 | (j) The student's academic record must not include any |
| 82 | evidence suggesting that the student poses an unreasonable risk |
| 83 | to any live patients who are required for the clinical portion |
| 84 | of the regional examination. In order to protect the health and |
| 85 | safety of the public, the dental school may request additional |
| 86 | information and documents pertaining to the candidate's mental |
| 87 | and physical health in order to fully assess the candidate's |
| 88 | fitness to engage in exercises involving a live patient. |
| 89 | Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section |
| 90 | 466.007, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: |
| 91 | 466.007 Examination of dental hygienists |
| 92 | (4) Effective July 1, 2012, to be licensed as a dental |
| 93 | hygienist in this state, an applicant must successfully complete |
| 94 | the following: |
| 95 | (b) A practical or clinical examination approved by the |
| 96 | board. The examination shall be the Dental Hygiene Examination |
| 97 | produced by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., (ADEX) |
| 98 | or its successor entity, if any, if the board finds that the |
| 99 | successor entity's clinical examination meets or exceeds the |
| 100 | provisions of this section. The board shall approve the ADEX |

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101 Dental Hygiene Examination if the board has attained and 102 continues to maintain representation on the ADEX House of 103 Representatives, the ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination Development 104 Committee, and such other ADEX Dental Hygiene committees as the 105 board deems appropriate through rulemaking to ensure that the 106 standards established in this section are maintained 107 organizationally. The ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination or the 108 examination produced by its successor entity is a comprehensive 109 examination in which an applicant must demonstrate skills within the dental hygiene scope of practice on a manikin that has 110 111 typodont teeth with simulated dentition and calculus as approved 112 by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments live patient and any other components that the board deems necessary for the 113 114 applicant to successfully demonstrate competency for the purpose 115 of licensure.

Section 4. <u>Section 466.0075</u>, Florida Statutes, is
<u>repealed.</u>

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Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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