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HB 2258: dental board; licenses; certificates; renewals. Sponsor: Representative Osborne, LD 13 Caucus & COW

<u>Overview</u>

Changes the expiration, renewal application and fee date for a licensed dental professional from June 30th every three years to 30 days after the licensee's or certificate holder's birthday every third year.

<u>History</u>

The State Board of Dental Examiners (Board) regulates and licenses dental professionals, including dentists, dental hygienists, dental consultants, dental therapists and denturists. Additionally, the Board reviews complaints against licensees and business entities, conducts investigations and is authorized to take disciplinary action for violations of state laws relating to the profession (A.R.S. §§ 32-1201 through 32-1299.26).

Currently, all dental professionals are required to renew their license or certification on June 30th of every third year. On or before June 30th of every third year, each dental professional must submit to the Board a complete renewal application and pay a renewal fee. The licensee or certificate holder must include a written affidavit with the renewal application that affirms that the licensee or certificate holder complies with Board rules relating to continuing education requirements. If the licensee or certificate holder is not in compliance with the education requirements, the Board may grant an extension to complete these requirements if the licensee or certificate holder includes a written request for an extension with the renewal application on or before June 30th of the expiration year (<u>A.R.S. §§ 32-1236</u>, <u>32-1276.02</u>, <u>32-1287</u>, and <u>32-1297.06</u>).

Provisions

- 1. Changes the expiration date, renewal application and fee date for a licensed dental professional to 30 days after the licensee's or certificate holder's birthday every third year. (Sec. 1-4)
- 2. Changes the extension deadline to the licensee's birthday for a licensee or certificate holder not in compliance with Board rules relating to continuing education requirements. (Sec. 1-4)
- 3. Specifies a license or certificate expires 30 days after the licensee's birthday if the Board denies an extension request. (Sec. 1-4)
- 4. Makes technical changes. (Sec. 1-4)
- 5. Contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2022. (Sec. 5)