

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

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)1. Was enrolled on March 23, 2012, in a dental
42 | specialty 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.