

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1210**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Harriette L. Chandler***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

**An Act relative to dentistry licensure examinations.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2019</i>

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1210) of Harriette L. Chandler, Jason M. Lewis, Kevin G. Honan and Denise Provost for legislation relative to dentistry licensure examinations. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1166 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to dentistry licensure examinations.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by striking out Section 47 and inserting in the place thereof the following  
3 section:-

4           Section 47. The examination may be written or oral or both, at the option of the board,  
5 and may include the principal subjects taught in reputable dental colleges. Demonstrations in  
6 operative and prosthetic dentistry, diagnosis and prognosis may be required. In lieu of practical  
7 examinations, the board shall allow applicants to demonstrate proof of having successfully  
8 completed not less than one year of graduate dental training as a resident dentist in a PGY-1  
9 program or other program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation; provided, that  
10 at the end of such year of graduate dental training as a resident dentist, the supervising dentist

11 provides documentation satisfactory to the board attesting to the resident dentist's competency in  
12 all areas tested on the practical examination.

13 SECTION 2. Section 47 of Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
14 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of said section the following  
15 sentence:- "The examination shall not require the performance of any irreversible procedure  
16 upon a live patient."