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NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Health and Human Services

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; modifying licensure by credentials requirements for dental  
1.3 assistants; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 150A.06, subdivision 8.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 150A.06, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 8. **Licensure by credentials; dental assistant.** (a) Any dental assistant may, upon  
1.7 application and payment of a fee established by the board, apply for licensure based on an  
1.8 evaluation of the applicant's education, experience, and performance record in lieu of  
1.9 completing a board-approved dental assisting program for expanded functions as defined  
1.10 in rule, and may be interviewed by the board to determine if the applicant:

1.11 (1) has graduated from an accredited dental assisting program accredited by the  
1.12 Commission on Dental Accreditation ~~and~~ or is currently certified by the Dental Assisting  
1.13 National Board;

1.14 (2) is not subject to any pending or final disciplinary action in another state or Canadian  
1.15 province, or if not currently certified or registered, previously had a certification or  
1.16 registration in another state or Canadian province in good standing that was not subject to  
1.17 any final or pending disciplinary action at the time of surrender;

1.18 (3) is of good moral character and abides by professional ethical conduct requirements;

1.19 (4) at board discretion, has passed a board-approved English proficiency test if English  
1.20 is not the applicant's primary language; and

1.21 (5) has met all expanded functions curriculum equivalency requirements of a Minnesota  
1.22 board-approved dental assisting program.

2.1 (b) The board, at its discretion, may waive specific licensure requirements in paragraph  
2.2 (a).

2.3 (c) An applicant who fulfills the conditions of this subdivision and demonstrates the  
2.4 minimum knowledge in dental subjects required for licensure under subdivision 2a must  
2.5 be licensed to practice the applicant's profession.

2.6 (d) If the applicant does not demonstrate the minimum knowledge in dental subjects  
2.7 required for licensure under subdivision 2a, the application must be denied. If licensure is  
2.8 denied, the board may notify the applicant of any specific remedy that the applicant could  
2.9 take which, when passed, would qualify the applicant for licensure. A denial does not  
2.10 prohibit the applicant from applying for licensure under subdivision 2a.

2.11 (e) A candidate whose application has been denied may appeal the decision to the board  
2.12 according to subdivision 4a.