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1   AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2077

2   AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2077 on page 1,
3   line 5, after "11," by inserting "16.1,"; and

4   on page 11, immediately below line 16, by inserting the
5   following:

6   "(225 ILCS 25/16.1) (from Ch. 111, par. 2316.1)
7   (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)
8   Sec. 16.1. Continuing education. The Department shall
9   promulgate rules of continuing education for persons licensed
10   under this Act. In establishing rules, the Department shall
11   require a minimum of 48 hours of study in approved courses for
12   dentists during each 3-year licensing period and a minimum of
13   36 hours of study in approved courses for dental hygienists
14   during each 3-year licensing period.
15   The Department shall approve only courses that are
16   relevant to the treatment and care of patients, including, but

1   not limited to, clinical courses in dentistry and dental
2   hygiene and nonclinical courses such as patient management,
3   legal and ethical responsibilities, and stress management. The
4   Department shall allow up to 4 hours of continuing education
5   credit hours per license renewal period for volunteer hours
6   spent providing clinical services at, or sponsored by, a
7   nonprofit community clinic, local or state health department,
8   or a charity event. Courses shall not be approved in such
9   subjects as estate and personal financial planning, personal
10   investments, or personal health. Approved courses may include,
11   but shall not be limited to, courses that are offered or
12   sponsored by approved colleges, universities, and hospitals
13   and by recognized national, State, and local dental and dental
14   hygiene organizations. When offering a continuing education
15   course, whether at no cost or for a fee, the course provider
16   shall explicitly disclose that the course is an approved
17   course for continuing education in the State of Illinois, as
18   provided in this Section or by the rules adopted by the
19   Department.
20   No license shall be renewed unless the renewal application
21   is accompanied by an affidavit indicating that the applicant
22   has completed the required minimum number of hours of
23   continuing education in approved courses as required by this
24   Section. The affidavit shall not require a listing of courses.
25   The affidavit shall be a prima facie evidence that the
26   applicant has obtained the minimum number of required

1   continuing education hours in approved courses. The Department

2   shall not be obligated to conduct random audits or otherwise

3   independently verify that an applicant has met the continuing

4   education requirement. The Department, however, may not

5   conduct random audits of more than 10% of the licensed

6   dentists and dental hygienists in any one licensing cycle to

7   verify compliance with continuing education requirements. If

8   the Department, however, receives a complaint that a licensee

9   has not completed the required continuing education or if the

10   Department is investigating another alleged violation of this

11   Act by a licensee, the Department may demand and shall be

12   entitled to receive evidence from any licensee of completion

13   of required continuing education courses for the most recently

14   completed 3-year licensing period. Evidence of continuing

15   education may include, but is not limited to, canceled checks,

16   official verification forms of attendance, and continuing

17   education recording forms, that demonstrate a reasonable

18   record of attendance. The Board shall determine, in accordance

19   with rules adopted by the Department, whether a licensee or

20   applicant has met the continuing education requirements. Any

21   dentist who holds more than one license under this Act shall be

22   required to complete only the minimum number of hours of

23   continuing education required for renewal of a single license.

24   The Department may provide exemptions from continuing

25   education requirements.

26   (Source: P.A. 99-492, eff. 12-31-15.)".