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Introduced 2/6/2009, by Sen. William R. Haine

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 25/9
225 ILCS 25/13

from Ch. 111, par. 2309
from Ch. 111, par. 2313

Amends the Illinois Dental Practice Act. Makes change in a provision concerning the qualifications of an applicant for a dental license. Provides that an applicant must present satisfactory evidence that the applicant has either received a certificate granted by the National Board of Dental Examiners or successfully completed a clinical examination conducted by one of the following regional testing services: the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), the Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. (SRTA), the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), or the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX) (Rather than "Pass an examination authorized or given by the Department in the theory and practice of the science of dentistry; provided, that the Department (1) may recognize a certificate granted by the National Board of Dental Examiners in lieu of, or subject to, such examination as may be required and (2) may recognize successful completion of the clinical examination conducted by approved regional testing services in lieu of such examinations as may be required"). Makes similar change in a provision concerning the qualifications of an applicant for a dental hygienist license. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning professional regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Dental Practice Act is amended by
5 changing Sections 9 and 13 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 25/9) (from Ch. 111, par. 2309)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2016)

8 Sec. 9. Qualifications of Applicants for Dental Licenses.

9 The Department shall require that each applicant for a license
10 to practice dentistry shall:

11 (a) (Blank).

12 (b) Be at least 21 years of age and of good moral
13 character.

14 (c) (1) Present satisfactory evidence of completion of
15 dental education by graduation from a dental college or school
16 in the United States or Canada approved by the Department. The
17 Department shall not approve any dental college or school which
18 does not require at least (A) 60 semester hours of collegiate
19 credit or the equivalent in acceptable subjects from a college
20 or university before admission, and (B) completion of at least
21 4 academic years of instruction or the equivalent in an
22 approved dental college or school before graduation; or

23 (2) Present satisfactory evidence of completion of dental

1 education by graduation from a dental college or school outside
2 the United States or Canada and provide satisfactory evidence
3 that:

4 (A) (blank);

5 (B) the applicant has completed a minimum of 2 academic
6 years of general dental clinical training at a dental
7 college or school in the United States or Canada approved
8 by the Department, however, an accredited advanced dental
9 education program approved by the Department of no less
10 than 2 years may be substituted for the 2 academic years of
11 general dental clinical training and an applicant who was
12 enrolled for not less than one year in an approved clinical
13 program prior to January 1, 1993 at an Illinois dental
14 college or school shall be required to complete only that
15 program; and

16 (C) the applicant has received certification from the
17 dean of an approved dental college or school in the United
18 States or Canada or the program director of an approved
19 advanced dental education program stating that the
20 applicant has achieved the same level of scientific
21 knowledge and clinical competence as required of all
22 graduates of the college, school, or advanced dental
23 education program.

24 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent either
25 the Department or any dental college or school from
26 establishing higher standards than specified in this Act.

1 (d) In determining professional capacity under this
2 Section, any individual who has not been actively engaged in
3 the practice of dentistry, has not been a dental student, or
4 has not been engaged in a formal program of dental education
5 during the 5 years immediately preceding the filing of an
6 application may be required to complete such additional
7 testing, training, or remedial education as the Board may deem
8 necessary in order to establish the applicant's present
9 capacity to practice dentistry with reasonable judgment,
10 skill, and safety.

11 (e) Present satisfactory evidence that the applicant has
12 either received ~~Pass an examination authorized or given by the~~
13 ~~Department in the theory and practice of the science of~~
14 ~~dentistry; provided, that the Department (1) may recognize a~~
15 certificate granted by the National Board of Dental Examiners
16 or successfully completed a in lieu of, or subject to, such
17 ~~examination as may be required and (2) may recognize successful~~
18 ~~completion of the~~ clinical examination conducted by one of the
19 following regional testing services: the Central Regional
20 Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), the Southern Regional
21 Testing Agency, Inc. (SRTA), the Western Regional Examining
22 Board (WREB), or the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc.
23 (ADEX) ~~approved regional testing services in lieu of such~~
24 ~~examinations as may be required.~~ For purposes of this Section,
25 successful completion shall mean that the applicant has
26 achieved a minimum passing score on the regional examinations

1 as determined by each approved regional testing service.

2 (Source: P.A. 94-409, eff. 12-31-05.)

3 (225 ILCS 25/13) (from Ch. 111, par. 2313)

4 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2016)

5 Sec. 13. Qualifications of Applicants for Dental
6 Hygienists. Every person who desires to obtain a license as a
7 dental hygienist shall apply to the Department in writing, upon
8 forms prepared and furnished by the Department. Each
9 application shall contain proof of the particular
10 qualifications required of the applicant, shall be verified by
11 the applicant, under oath, and shall be accompanied by the
12 required examination fee.

13 The Department shall require that every applicant for a
14 license as a dental hygienist shall:

15 (1) (Blank).

16 (2) Be a graduate of high school or its equivalent.

17 (3) Present satisfactory evidence of having successfully
18 completed 2 academic years of credit at a dental hygiene
19 program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of
20 the American Dental Association.

21 (4) Submit evidence that he holds a currently valid
22 certification to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The
23 Department shall adopt rules establishing criteria for
24 certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The rules of
25 the Department shall provide for variances only in instances

1 where the applicant is physically disabled and therefore unable
2 to secure such certification.

3 (5) (Blank).

4 (6) Pass an examination conducted by one of the following
5 regional testing services: the Central Regional Dental Testing
6 Service, Inc. (CRDTS), the Southern Regional Testing Agency,
7 Inc. (SRTA), the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), or
8 the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX), or submit
9 evidence that he or she holds ~~authorized or given by the~~
10 ~~Department in the subjects usually taught in approved programs~~
11 ~~of dental hygiene, which examination shall determine the~~
12 ~~qualifications of applicants to perform the operative~~
13 ~~procedures of dental hygiene. The Department may recognize a~~
14 certificate granted by the National Board of Dental Examiners
15 ~~in lieu of, or subject to, such examination.~~

16 (Source: P.A. 92-262, eff. 8-7-01.)

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
18 becoming law.