

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 Section 9 and by adding Section 19.2 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7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2016)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
16 school in the United States or Canada approved by the
17 Department. The Department shall not approve any dental
18 college or school which does not require at least (A) 60
19 semester hours of collegiate credit or the equivalent in
20 acceptable subjects from a college or university before
21 admission, and (B) completion of at least 4 academic years
22 of instruction or the equivalent in an approved dental
23 college or school that is accredited by the Commission on

1 Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association

2 ~~before graduation~~; or

3 (2) Present satisfactory evidence of completion of
4 dental education by graduation from a dental college or
5 school outside the United States or Canada and provide
6 satisfactory evidence that:

7 (A) (blank);

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

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

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

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

14 (e) Present satisfactory evidence that the applicant
15 has passed both parts of the National Board Dental
16 Examination administered by the Joint Commission on
17 National Dental Examinations and has successfully
18 completed an examination conducted by one of the following
19 regional testing services: the Central Regional Dental
20 Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), the Southern Regional
21 Testing Agency, Inc. (SRTA), the Western Regional
22 Examining Board (WREB), or the North East Regional Board
23 (NERB). For purposes of this Section, successful
24 completion shall mean that the applicant has achieved a
25 minimum passing score as determined by the applicable
26 regional testing service. ~~(f)~~ The Secretary of the

1 Department may suspend a regional testing service under
2 this subsection (e) ~~of this Section~~ if, after proper notice
3 and hearing, it is established that (i) the integrity of
4 the examination has been breached so as to make future test
5 results unreliable or (ii) the test is fundamentally
6 deficient in testing clinical competency.

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

16 (Source: P.A. 96-14, eff. 6-19-09; revised 11-3-09.)

17 (225 ILCS 25/19.2 new)

18 Sec. 19.2. Temporary permit for free dental care.

19 (a) The Department may issue a temporary permit authorizing
20 the practice in this State, without compensation, of dentistry
21 or dental hygiene to an applicant who is licensed to practice
22 dentistry or dental hygiene in another state, if all of the
23 following apply:

24 (1) The Department determines that the applicant's
25 services will improve the welfare of Illinois residents.

1 (2) The Department determines that the applicant is
2 qualified and satisfies the criteria specified under
3 Sections 9 and 13 of this Act, except for the examination
4 requirement.

5 (b) The Department may not require the applicant to pass an
6 examination as provided in subsection (e) of Section 9 of this
7 Act in order to receive a temporary permit under this Section.

8 (c) A temporary permit under this Section shall authorize
9 the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene in a specified area
10 of the State for a period of time not to exceed 10 consecutive
11 days in a year and may be renewed by the Department. The
12 Department may require an applicant to pay a fee for the
13 issuance or renewal of a permit under this Section.

14 (d) The Secretary may summarily terminate any permit issued
15 pursuant to this Section, without a hearing, if the Secretary
16 finds that evidence in his or her possession indicates that an
17 individual permit holder's continuation in practice would
18 constitute an imminent danger to the public. In the event that
19 the Secretary summarily suspends a permit issued pursuant to
20 this Section, the permit holder may petition the Department for
21 a hearing in accordance with the provisions of this Act to
22 reinstate his or her permit.

23 In addition to terminating any permit issued pursuant to
24 this Section, the Department may issue a monetary penalty not
25 to exceed \$1,000 upon the permit holder and may notify any
26 state in which the permit holder has been issued a license that

1 his or her Illinois permit has been terminated and the reasons
2 for the termination. The monetary penalty shall be paid within
3 60 days after the effective date of the order imposing the
4 penalty. The order shall constitute a judgment and may be filed
5 and execution had thereon in the same manner as any judgment
6 from any court of record. It is the intent of the General
7 Assembly that a permit issued pursuant to this Section shall be
8 considered a privilege and not a property right.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.