

Assembly Bill No. 447

CHAPTER 625

An act to amend Section 1601 of, and to add and repeal Section 1601.1 of, the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentistry.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 447, Firebaugh. Dental Board of California.

Existing law provides for a Dental Board of California consisting of 14 members and includes eight practicing dentists. Existing law defines a "practicing dentist" to include a faculty member of a dental college or dental department of a medical college located in the state.

This bill would require that the board's membership include a faculty member of a California dental college and a dentist who practices in a nonprofit community clinic. The bill would also provide that a new board, vested with the same powers as the previous board, would be created on January 1, 2002, if SB 134 is enacted and becomes effective on or before January 1, 2002.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1601 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1601. (a) There is in the Department of Consumer Affairs, the Dental Board of California in which the administration of this chapter is vested. The board consists of eight practicing dentists, one registered dental hygienist, one registered dental assistant, and four public members. Of the eight practicing dentists, one shall be a member of a faculty of any California dental college, and one shall be a dentist practicing in a nonprofit community clinic. The board shall be organized into standing committees dealing with examinations, enforcement, and other subjects as the board deems appropriate.

This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2002, and, as of January 1, 2003, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which becomes effective on or before January 1, 2003, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed. The repeal of this section renders the board subject to the review required by Division 1.2 (commencing with Section 473).

(b) For purposes of this chapter, any reference in this chapter to the Board of Dental Examiners shall be deemed to refer to the Dental Board of California.

SEC. 2. Section 1601.1 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

1601.1. (a) There shall be in the Department of Consumer Affairs the Dental Board of California in which the administration of this chapter is vested. The board shall consist of eight practicing dentists, one registered dental hygienist, one registered dental assistant, and four public members. Of the eight practicing dentists, one shall be a member of a faculty of any California dental college and one shall be a dentist practicing in a nonprofit community clinic. The appointing powers, described in Section 1603, may appoint to the board a person who was a member of the prior board. The board shall be organized into standing committees dealing with examinations, enforcement, and other subjects as the board deems appropriate.

(b) For purposes of this chapter, any reference in this chapter to the Board of Dental Examiners shall be deemed to refer to the Dental Board of California.

(c) The board shall have all authority previously vested in the existing board under this chapter. The board may enforce all disciplinary actions undertaken by the previous board.

(d) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2002.

(e) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2004, and, as of January 1, 2005, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute that is enacted before January 1, 2005, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed. The repeal of this section renders the board subject to the review required by Division 1.2 (commencing with Section 473).

SEC. 3. Section 2 of this bill shall become operative only if SB 134 of the 2001–02 Regular Session is enacted and becomes effective on or before January 1, 2002. If SB 134 is enacted and becomes effective on or before January 1, 2002, Section 1 of this bill shall not become operative.

