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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2818

**Introduced by Assembly Member Aanestad
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Zettel)**

February 25, 2002

An act to amend Section 1758 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to dental hygienists, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2818, as amended, Aanestad. Registered dental hygienists.

Existing law requires the Board of Dental Examiners to license a person as a dental hygienist who completes a board-approved education program, and performs satisfactorily on certain exams. Existing law authorizes the Board of Dental Examiners of California to impose various fees upon dental hygienists for deposit in the State Dental Auxiliary Fund, a continuously appropriated fund.

This bill would authorize the board to license a person who has not taken an examination as a dental hygienist if the person is licensed in another state and ~~who~~ meets additional specified requirements.

By providing for the licensure of additional registered dental hygienists and thereby increasing the source of funds in a continuously appropriated fund, the bill would make an appropriation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to increase
2 access to preventive dental care for children and adults in
3 California, particularly in those areas of the state that have few or
4 no registered dental hygienists.

5 SEC. 2. Section 1758 of the Business and Professions Code
6 is amended to read:

7 1758. (a) The board shall license as a registered dental
8 hygienist a person who satisfies all of the following requirements:

9 (1) Completion of an educational program for registered dental
10 hygienists, approved by the board, and accredited by the
11 Commission on Dental Accreditation, and conducted by a
12 degree-granting, post-secondary institution.

13 (2) Satisfactory performance on an examination required by
14 the board.

15 (3) Satisfactory completion of a national written dental
16 hygiene examination approved by the board.

17 (b) The board may grant a license as a registered dental
18 hygienist to an applicant who has not taken an examination before
19 the board, if the applicant submits all of the following to the board:

20 (1) A completed application form and all fees required by the
21 board.

22 (2) Proof of a current license as a registered dental hygienist
23 issued by another state that is not revoked, suspended, or otherwise
24 restricted.

25 (3) Proof that the applicant has been ~~a full-time registered~~
26 ~~dental hygienist~~ *in clinical practice as a registered dental hygienist*
27 *or has been a full-time faculty member in an accredited dental*
28 *hygiene education program* for a minimum of 750 hours per year
29 for at least five years preceding the date of his or her application
30 under this section.

31 (4) Proof that the applicant has not been subject to disciplinary
32 action by any state in which he or she is or has been previously
33 licensed as a registered dental hygienist *or dentist*. If the applicant
34 has been subject to disciplinary action, the board shall review that
35 action to determine if it warrants refusal to issue a license to the
36 applicant.

37 (5) Proof of graduation from a school of dental hygiene
38 accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.



1 (6) Proof of satisfactory completion of the Dental Hygiene
2 National Board Examination and of a state or regional clinical
3 licensure examination.

4 (7) *Proof that the applicant has not failed the examination for*
5 *licensure to practice dental hygiene under this chapter more than*
6 *once or once within five years prior to the date of his or her*
7 *application for a license under this section.*

8 (8) Documentation of completion of a minimum of 25 units of
9 continuing education earned in the two years preceding
10 application, including completion of any continuing education
11 requirements imposed by the board on registered dental hygienists
12 licensed in this state at the time of application.

13 (9) *Any other information as specified by the board to the extent*
14 *that it is required of applicants for licensure by examination under*
15 *this article.*

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17 CORRECTIONS

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