

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 269

Introduced by Assembly Member Eng

February 5, 2007

An act to amend Section 1717 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentistry.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 269, as introduced, Eng. Dentists: licensure renewal.

The Dental Practice Act provides for the licensure and regulation of dentists by the Dental Board of California. The act requires each dentist to apply to the board for license renewal.

This bill would require a licensed dentist to report, on his or her application for license renewal, information regarding his or her specialty board certification and practice status and would authorize this information to be posted on the board's Internet Web site. The bill would authorize a dentist to report cultural background and foreign language proficiency to the board in his or her licensure renewal application and would require that this information be compiled and reported on the board's Internet Web site on or before October 1 of each year.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to determine
- 2 the number of dentists with cultural and linguistic competency
- 3 who are practicing dentistry in California.

1 (b) Collecting data on dentists serving any given area allows
2 for the consistent determination of the areas of California that are
3 underserved by dentists with cultural or linguistic competency.

4 SEC. 2. Section 1717 of the Business and Professions Code is
5 amended to read:

6 1717. (a) To renew an unexpired license, the licensee shall,
7 before the time at which the license would otherwise expire, apply
8 for renewal on a form prescribed by the board and pay the renewal
9 fee prescribed by this chapter. The receipt of the executive officer
10 shall be indispensable evidence that payment has been made.

11 (b) *The licensee shall, in his or her application for renewal,*
12 *report any specialty board certification he or she holds that is*
13 *issued by a member board of the American Board of Dental*
14 *Specialties or approved by the Dental Board of California.*

15 (c) *The licensee shall also report to the board, in his or her*
16 *application for renewal, the practice status of the licensee,*
17 *designated as one of the following:*

- 18 (1) *Full-time practice in California.*
- 19 (2) *Full-time practice outside of California.*
- 20 (3) *Part-time practice in California.*
- 21 (4) *Dental administrative employment that does not include*
22 *direct patient care.*
- 23 (5) *Retired.*
- 24 (6) *Other practice status, as may be further defined by the board.*

25 (d) (1) *A licensee may report to the board, in his or her*
26 *application for renewal, and the board shall collect, information*
27 *regarding the licensee’s cultural background and foreign language*
28 *proficiency.*

29 (2) *Information collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be*
30 *aggregated on an annual basis, based on categories utilized by*
31 *the board in the collection of the data, into both statewide totals*
32 *and ZIP Code of primary practice location totals.*

33 (3) *Aggregated information under this subdivision shall be*
34 *compiled annually, and reported on the board’s Internet Web site*
35 *on or before October 1 of each year.*

36 (e) *Information collected pursuant to subdivisions (b) and (c)*
37 *may be posted on the board’s Internet Web site.*

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