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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1524

Introduced by Assembly Member Hayashi

February 27, 2009

An act to amend Section 1632 of, *to add Section 1632.1 to*, and to repeal Sections 1630 and 1631 of, the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentistry.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1524, as amended, Hayashi. Dentistry: examination requirements.

The Dental Practice Act provides for the ~~licensing~~ *licensure* and regulation of dentists and associated professions by the Dental Board of California. Existing law requires an applicant for a license to practice dentistry to complete various examinations, including the National Board Dental Examination, an examination in California law and ethics developed by the board, and a clinical and written examination administered either by the board or the Western Regional Examining Board. *Existing law prescribes the maximum amount of fees to be charged for examination, licensure, and renewal, for deposit into the State Dentistry Fund.*

This bill would abolish the clinical and written examination administered by the board. The bill would instead replace that examination with ~~an assessment process in which an applicant is assessed~~ *a portfolio examination of an applicant's competence to enter the practice of dentistry, which would be conducted while the applicant is enrolled at an in-state dental school utilizing uniform standards of minimal clinical experiences and competencies and at the end of his or her in a dental school program at a board-approved dental school. At*

the end of that dental school program, the bill would then require the passage of a final assessment of the applicant’s portfolio, subject to certification by his or her dean and payment of a \$350 fee. The bill would require the board to oversee the portfolio examination and final assessment process, and would require the board to biennially review each dental school with regard to the standardization of the portfolio examination. The bill would also set forth specified examination standards.

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. Section 1630 of the Business and Professions
 2 Code is repealed.
 3 SEC. 2. Section 1631 of the Business and Professions Code is
 4 repealed.
 5 SEC. 3. Section 1632 of the Business and Professions Code is
 6 amended to read:
 7 1632. (a) The board shall require each applicant to successfully
 8 complete the *Part I and Part II* written examinations of the
 9 National Board Dental Examination of the Joint Commission on
 10 National Dental Examinations.
 11 (b) The board shall require each applicant to successfully
 12 complete an examination in California law and ethics developed
 13 and administered by the board. The board shall provide a separate
 14 application for this examination. Applicants shall submit this
 15 application and required fee to the board in order to take this
 16 examination. In addition to the aforementioned application, the
 17 only other requirement for taking this examination shall be
 18 certification from the dean of the qualifying dental school attended
 19 by the applicant that the applicant has graduated, or will graduate,
 20 or is expected to graduate. Applicants who submit completed
 21 applications and certification from the dean at least 15 days prior
 22 to a scheduled examination shall be scheduled to take the
 23 examination. Successful results of the examination shall, as
 24 established by board regulation, remain valid for two years from
 25 the date that the applicant is notified of having passed the
 26 examination.

1 (c) Except as otherwise provided in Section 1632.5, the board
2 shall require each applicant to have taken and received a passing
3 score on one of the following:

4 ~~(1) A portfolio assessment of the applicant's fitness to practice
5 dentistry while the applicant is enrolled in a dental school program
6 at a board-approved school located in California. This assessment
7 shall utilize uniform standards of minimal clinical experiences and
8 competencies. The applicant shall pass a final assessment at the
9 end of his or her dental school program.~~

10 *(1) A portfolio examination of the applicant's competence to
11 enter the practice of dentistry. This examination shall be conducted
12 while the applicant is enrolled in a dental school program at a
13 board-approved school located in California. This examination
14 shall utilize uniform standards of minimal clinical experiences
15 and competencies. The applicant shall pass a final assessment of
16 the submitted portfolio at the end of his or her dental school
17 program. Before any portfolio assessment may be scheduled by
18 the board, the applicant shall submit to the board a three hundred
19 fifty dollar (\$350) fee, to be deposited into the State Dentistry
20 Fund, and a letter of good standing signed by the dean of his or
21 her dental school or his or her delegate stating that the applicant
22 has graduated or will graduate with no pending ethical issues.*

23 (2) A clinical and written examination administered by the
24 Western Regional Examining Board, which board shall determine
25 the passing score for that examination.

26 (d) Notwithstanding subdivision (b) of Section 1628, the board
27 is authorized to do either of the following:

28 (1) Approve an application for examination from, and to
29 examine an applicant who is enrolled in, but has not yet graduated
30 from, a reputable dental school approved by the board.

31 (2) Accept the results of an examination described in paragraph
32 (2) of subdivision (c) submitted by an applicant who was enrolled
33 in, but had not graduated from, a reputable dental school approved
34 by the board at the time the examination was administered.

35 In either case, the board shall require the dean of that school or
36 his or her delegate to furnish satisfactory proof that the applicant
37 will graduate within one year of the date the examination was
38 administered *or as provided in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c).*

39 *SEC. 4. Section 1632.1 is added to the Business and Professions
40 Code, to read:*

1 1632.1. (a) With regard to the portfolio examination specified
2 in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 1632, the board shall
3 monitor and audit the standardization and calibration of dental
4 school competency instructors at least biennially with
5 board-appointed examiners who shall ensure standardization and
6 an acceptable level of calibration in the grading of the examination
7 and report to the board. Each dental school's competency
8 examinations shall be audited biennially by the board.

9 (b) The board shall oversee all aspects of the portfolio
10 examination process specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c)
11 of Section 1632 and under this section, but shall not interfere with
12 the dental school authority to establish and deliver an accredited
13 curriculum. The board shall determine an end-of-year deadline,
14 in consultation with the current board-approved dental schools,
15 to determine when the portfolio examinations shall be completed
16 and submitted to the board for review by the board's examiners.

17 (c) The board, in consultation with the current board-approved
18 dental schools, shall determine the minimum number of clinical
19 experiences required for successful completion of the portfolio
20 examination in each of the following areas:

21 (1) Comprehensive oral diagnosis and treatment planning, each
22 case to include a health history evaluation, periodontal evaluation,
23 hard and soft tissue evaluation, smoking and tobacco product
24 cessation, and treatment planning for optimal restoration of
25 dentition to form and function.

26 (2) Periodontics, including adult prophylaxis and periodontal
27 management, root planning, and periodontal reevaluation.

28 (3) Direct restoration.

29 (4) Indirect restoration.

30 (5) Endodontics.

31 (6) Removable prosthetics.

32 (7) Oral surgical procedures.

33 (d) The board shall require and verify successful completion of
34 the following competency examinations that were performed on a
35 patient of record of a board-approved dental school:

36 (1) Comprehensive oral diagnosis and treatment planning, to
37 include collection of the patient's medical and dental history, a
38 comprehensive examination, evaluation of data to identify
39 problems, development of alternative treatment plans, and
40 development of a final treatment plan and documentation according

1 to risk management standards. Verification shall include the signed
2 gradesheet and the student's evaluation that includes all of the
3 above components for the patient.

4 (2) Periodontics, to include performance of a comprehensive
5 periodontal examination, diagnosis and development of a
6 periodontic treatment plan, performance of nonsurgical
7 periodontal therapy, and performance of periodontal reevaluation.
8 Verification shall include the signed gradesheet, diagnosis,
9 treatment plan, pocket depth readings, preoperative X-rays
10 showing subgingival calculus, postoperative X-rays, and any
11 follow-up report.

12 (3) Direct restorations, to include restoration of a tooth
13 containing a primary carious lesion or lesions requiring a Class
14 II restoration using amalgam or composite, restoration of a tooth
15 containing a primary carious lesion or lesions requiring a Class
16 III or IV restoration using composite resin, and restoration of a
17 tooth containing a primary carious lesion or lesions requiring a
18 Class V restoration using glass ionomer, composite resin, or
19 amalgam. The existing carious lesion or lesions shall meet the
20 minimum established level of disease to justify surgical treatment.
21 Verification shall include the signed gradesheet and preoperative
22 X-rays. Photographs may be requested by the board.

23 (4) Indirect restorations, to include restoration of a tooth with
24 a crown or onlay according to approved procedures and materials,
25 and the case selected must be based on minimum criteria for
26 indirect restorations. Verification shall include the signed
27 gradesheet, preoperative X-rays, and postoperative X-rays showing
28 a successfully cemented crown or onlay. Photographs may be
29 requested by the board.

30 (5) Removable prosthodontics, to include development of the
31 diagnosis and treatment options with the prognosis for removable
32 prosthesis, restoration of edentulous spaces with removable
33 prostheses, management of tooth loss transition with immediate
34 or transitional prostheses, and management of prosthetic problems
35 and evaluation of laboratory services for prostheses. Verification
36 shall include the signed gradesheet, a detailed diagnosis and
37 treatment plan with preoperative X-rays, photographs showing
38 the pretreatment condition, and postoperative photographs of
39 finished appliances.

1 (6) *Endodontics, to include application of case selection criteria,*
2 *demonstration of pretreatment preparation, performance of access*
3 *opening, performance of shaping and cleaning techniques,*
4 *performance of obturation techniques, completion of an endodontic*
5 *case, and providing recommendations for postendodontic*
6 *treatment. Verification shall include the signed gradesheet,*
7 *diagnosis, preoperative X-rays, and postoperative X-rays showing*
8 *completed endodontic treatment. Photographs may be requested*
9 *by the board.*

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