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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 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 a portfolio examination of an applicant's competence to enter the practice of dentistry, which would be conducted while the applicant is enrolled 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- 2 Code is repealed.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- 4 repealed.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 National
- 9 Board Dental Examination of the Joint Commission on National
- 10 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.
- 27 (c) Except as otherwise provided in Section 1632.5, the board
- 28 shall require each applicant to have taken and received a passing
- 29 score on one of the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 SEC. 4. Section 1632.1 is added to the Business and Professions
32 Code, to read:

33 1632.1. (a) With regard to the portfolio examination specified
34 in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 1632, the board shall
35 *independently* monitor and audit the standardization and calibration
36 of dental school competency instructors at least biennially ~~with~~
37 ~~board-appointed examiners who shall~~ *to* ensure standardization
38 and an acceptable level of calibration in the grading of the
39 examination ~~and report to the board~~. Each dental school's
40 competency examinations shall be audited biennially by the board.

1 (b) The board shall oversee all aspects of the portfolio
2 examination process specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c)
3 of Section 1632 and under this section, but shall not interfere with
4 the dental school authority to establish and deliver an accredited
5 curriculum. The board shall determine an end-of-year deadline, in
6 consultation with the current board-approved dental schools, to
7 determine when the portfolio examinations shall be completed and
8 submitted to the board for review by the board’s examiners.

9 (c) The board, in consultation with the current board-approved
10 dental schools, shall determine *portfolio examination competencies*
11 *and* the minimum number of clinical experiences required for
12 successful completion of the portfolio examination in each of the
13 following areas:

14 ~~(1) Comprehensive oral diagnosis and treatment planning, each~~
15 ~~case to include a health history evaluation, periodontal evaluation,~~
16 ~~hard and soft tissue evaluation, smoking and tobacco product~~
17 ~~cessation, and treatment planning for optimal restoration of~~
18 ~~dentition to form and function.~~

19 ~~(2) Periodontics, including adult prophylaxis and periodontal~~
20 ~~management, root planning, and periodontal reevaluation.~~

21 ~~(3) Direct restoration.~~

22 ~~(4) Indirect restoration.~~

23 ~~(5) Endodontics.~~

24 ~~(6) Removable prosthetics.~~

25 ~~(7) Oral surgical procedures. examination.~~

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

29 ~~(1) Comprehensive oral diagnosis and treatment planning, to~~
30 ~~include collection of the patient’s medical and dental history, a~~
31 ~~comprehensive examination, evaluation of data to identify~~
32 ~~problems, development of alternative treatment plans, and~~
33 ~~development of a final treatment plan and documentation according~~
34 ~~to risk management standards. Verification shall include the signed~~
35 ~~gradesheet and the student’s evaluation that includes all of the~~
36 ~~above components for the patient.~~

37 ~~(2) Periodontics, to include performance of a comprehensive~~
38 ~~periodontal examination, diagnosis and development of a~~
39 ~~periodontic treatment plan, performance of nonsurgical periodontal~~
40 ~~therapy, and performance of periodontal reevaluation. Verification~~

1 shall include the signed gradesheet, diagnosis, treatment plan,
2 pocket depth readings, preoperative X-rays showing subgingival
3 calculus, postoperative X-rays, and any followup report.

4 (3) Direct restorations, to include restoration of a tooth
5 containing a primary carious lesion or lesions requiring a Class II
6 restoration using amalgam or composite, restoration of a tooth
7 containing a primary carious lesion or lesions requiring a Class III
8 or IV restoration using composite resin, and restoration of a tooth
9 containing a primary carious lesion or lesions requiring a Class V
10 restoration using glass ionomer, composite resin, or amalgam. The
11 existing carious lesion or lesions shall meet the minimum
12 established level of disease to justify surgical treatment.
13 Verification shall include the signed gradesheet and preoperative
14 X-rays. Photographs may be requested by the board.

15 (4) Indirect restorations, to include restoration of a tooth with
16 a crown or onlay according to approved procedures and materials,
17 and the case selected must be based on minimum criteria for
18 indirect restorations. Verification shall include the signed
19 gradesheet, preoperative X-rays, and postoperative X-rays showing
20 a successfully cemented crown or onlay. Photographs may be
21 requested by the board.

22 (5) Removable prosthodontics, to include development of the
23 diagnosis and treatment options with the prognosis for removable
24 prosthesis, restoration of edentulous spaces with removable
25 prostheses, management of tooth loss transition with immediate
26 or transitional prostheses, and management of prosthetic problems
27 and evaluation of laboratory services for prostheses. Verification
28 shall include the signed gradesheet, a detailed diagnosis and
29 treatment plan with preoperative X-rays, photographs showing the
30 pretreatment condition, and postoperative photographs of finished
31 appliances.

32 (6) Endodontics, to include application of case selection criteria,
33 demonstration of pretreatment preparation, performance of access
34 opening, performance of shaping and cleaning techniques,
35 performance of obturation techniques, completion of an endodontic
36 case, and providing recommendations for postendodontic treatment.
37 Verification shall include the signed gradesheet, diagnosis,
38 preoperative X-rays, and postoperative X-rays showing completed
39 endodontic treatment. Photographs may be requested by the board.
40 *school, including, but not limited to the following:*

- 1 (1) *Comprehensive oral diagnosis and treatment planning.*
- 2 (2) *Periodontics.*
- 3 (3) *Direct restorations.*
- 4 (4) *Indirect restorations.*
- 5 (5) *Removable prosthodontics.*
- 6 (6) *Endodontics.*

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