

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 836

Introduced by Assembly Member Skinner

February 21, 2013

An act to amend Section 1645 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentists.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 836, as introduced, Skinner. Dentists: continuing education.

Existing law, the Dental Practice Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of dentists by the Dental Board of California. Existing law authorizes the board to require licentiates to complete continuing education hours as a condition of license renewal. Existing law authorizes the board to, by regulation, reduce the renewal fee for a licensee who has practiced dentistry for 20 years or more in this state, has reached the age of retirement under the federal Social Security Act, and customarily provides his or her services free of charge to any person, organization, or agency.

This bill would prohibit the board from requiring of those licensees more than 60% of the hours of continuing education that is required of other licensed dentists.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1645 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:

1 1645. (a) Effective with the 1974 license renewal period, if
2 the board determines that the public health and safety would be
3 served by requiring all holders of licenses under this chapter to
4 continue their education after receiving a license, it may require,
5 as a condition to the renewal thereof, that they submit assurances
6 satisfactory to the board that they will, during the succeeding
7 two-year period, inform themselves of the developments in the
8 practice of dentistry occurring since the original issuance of their
9 licenses by pursuing one or more courses of study satisfactory to
10 the board or by other means deemed equivalent by the board.

11 The board shall adopt regulations providing for the suspension
12 of the licenses at the end of the two-year period until compliance
13 with the assurances provided for in this section is accomplished.

14 (b) The board may also, as a condition of license renewal,
15 require licentiates to successfully complete a portion of the required
16 continuing education hours in specific areas adopted in regulations
17 by the board. The board may prescribe this mandatory coursework
18 within the general areas of patient care, health and safety, and law
19 and ethics. The mandatory coursework prescribed by the board
20 shall not exceed fifteen hours per renewal period for dentists, and
21 seven and one-half hours per renewal period for dental auxiliaries.
22 Any mandatory coursework required by the board shall be credited
23 toward the continuing education requirements established by the
24 board pursuant to subdivision (a).

25 (c) *For a dentist described in subdivision (a) of Section 1716.1,*
26 *the board shall not require more than 60 percent of the hours of*
27 *continuing education that is required of other licensed dentists.*
28 *Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to reduce any*
29 *requirements imposed by the board pursuant to subdivision (b).*