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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2331**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Dababneh**

February 18, 2016

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An act to amend Section 1632 of, and to add ~~Section 1632.6~~ *Sections 1632.55 and 1632.7* to, the Business and Professions Code, relating to ~~dentistry~~ *dentistry*, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2331, as amended, Dababneh. Dentistry: applicants to practice.

The Dental Practice Act provides for the licensure and regulation of dentists and associated professions by the Dental Board of California within the Department of Consumer Affairs. The act requires each applicant for a license to practice dentistry to successfully complete specified examinations, including receiving a passing score on either a portfolio examination, as specified, or a clinical and written examination administered by the Western Regional Examining Board, which determines the passing score for that examination.

This bill would additionally allow an applicant to satisfy that examination requirement by receiving a passing score on an examination developed by the American Board of Dental Examiners, ~~Inc.~~ *Inc. Patient Centered Curriculum Integrated Dental Examination Format, subject to prior review and approval of the examination by the Office of Professional Examination Services, as provided.*

Existing law authorizes the Director of Finance to accept on behalf of the state any gift of real or personal property whenever he or she deems the gift and the terms and conditions thereof to be in the best interest of the state. Existing law establishes the Special Deposit Fund,

a continuously appropriated fund, which consists of money that is paid into it in trust pursuant to law when no other fund has been created to receive that money.

This bill would authorize the Director of Finance to accept funds for the purposes of implementing the dental examination developed by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., described above. Because these funds would be deposited in the Special Deposit Fund, a continuously appropriated fund, this 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. Section 1632 of the Business and Professions  
2 Code is amended to read:  
3 1632. (a) The board shall require each applicant to successfully  
4 complete the Part I and Part II written examinations of the National  
5 Board Dental Examination of the Joint Commission on National  
6 Dental Examinations.  
7 (b) The board shall require each applicant to successfully  
8 complete an examination in California law and ethics developed  
9 and administered by the board. The board shall provide a separate  
10 application for this examination. The board shall ensure that the  
11 law and ethics examination reflects current law and regulations,  
12 and ensure that the examinations are randomized. Applicants shall  
13 submit this application and required fee to the board in order to  
14 take this examination. In addition to the aforementioned  
15 application, the only other requirement for taking this examination  
16 shall be certification from the dean of the qualifying dental school  
17 attended by the applicant that the applicant has graduated, or will  
18 graduate, or is expected to graduate. Applicants who submit  
19 completed applications and certification from the dean at least 15  
20 days prior to a scheduled examination shall be scheduled to take  
21 the examination. Successful results of the examination shall, as  
22 established by board regulation, remain valid for two years from  
23 the date that the applicant is notified of having passed the  
24 examination.  
25 (c) Except as otherwise provided in Section 1632.5, the board  
26 shall require each applicant to have taken and received a passing  
27 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 clinical experiences and  
6 competencies, as approved by the board pursuant to Section 1632.1.  
7 The applicant shall pass a final assessment of the submitted  
8 portfolio at the end of his or her dental school program. Before  
9 any portfolio assessment may be submitted to the board, the  
10 applicant shall remit the required fee to the board to be deposited  
11 into the State Dentistry Fund, and a letter of good standing signed  
12 by the dean of his or her dental school or his or her delegate stating  
13 that the applicant has graduated or will graduate with no pending  
14 ethical issues.

15 (A) The portfolio examination shall not be conducted until the  
16 board adopts regulations to carry out this paragraph. The board  
17 shall post notice on its Internet Web site when these regulations  
18 have been adopted.

19 (B) The board shall also provide written notice to the Legislature  
20 and the Legislative Counsel when these regulations have been  
21 adopted.

22 (2) A clinical and written examination administered by the  
23 Western Regional Examining Board, or an examination developed  
24 by the American Board of Dental Examiners, ~~Inc., or its successor~~  
25 ~~organization, Inc. Patient Centered Curriculum Integrated Dental~~  
26 *Examination Format*, which board shall determine the passing  
27 score for that examination.

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

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

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

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

1 SEC. 2. Section 1632.55 is added to the Business and  
2 Professions Code, to read:

3 1632.55. (a) Prior to implementation of paragraph (2) of  
4 subdivision (c) of Section 1632, the department's Office of  
5 Professional Examination Services shall review the American  
6 Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. examination to ensure compliance  
7 with the requirements of Section 139 and to certify that the  
8 examination process meets those standards. If the department  
9 determines that the examination process fails to meet those  
10 standards, paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) shall not be  
11 implemented. The review of the American Board of Dental  
12 Examiners, Inc. examination shall be conducted during or after  
13 the Dental Board of California's occupational.

14 (b) The American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. examination  
15 process shall be regularly reviewed by the department pursuant  
16 to Section 139.

17 (c) The American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. examination  
18 shall meet the mandates of subdivision (a) of Section 12944 of the  
19 Government Code.

20 ~~SEC. 2:~~

21 ~~SEC. 3.~~ Section ~~1632.6~~ 1632.7 is added to the Business and  
22 Professions Code, to read:

23 ~~1632.6:~~

24 1632.7. The Department of Finance may accept funds pursuant  
25 to Sections 11005.1 and 16302 of the Government Code for the  
26 purposes of implementing the examination developed by the  
27 American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., as described in  
28 paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 1632.