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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DENTAL SPECIALISTS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 448, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4 "~~§448-~~ Community service license. (a) The board of  
5 dental examiners may issue without examination, to a qualified  
6 applicant, a community service license to practice dental  
7 specialties in a qualified place of employment.

8 (b) An applicant under this section shall submit all of  
9 the following to the board:

10 (1) A completed application and all required fees; and

11 (2) Verification:

12 (A) Of graduation from a general dental education  
13 program accredited by the American Dental  
14 Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or  
15 the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada;

16 (B) Of graduation from a post-graduate specialty  
17 program accredited by the American Dental  
18 Association Commission on Dental Accreditation;



- 1           (C) Of a current active license issued by another  
2                           state that is not revoked, suspended, or  
3                           otherwise restricted;
- 4           (D) That the applicant has been lawfully engaged in  
5                           the practice of dentistry for at least three  
6                           years preceding the date of the application, with  
7                           a minimum of one thousand hours of dentistry  
8                           practice each year; provided that the applicant  
9                           may receive credit for two of the three years of  
10                          clinical practice by demonstrating completion of  
11                          a specialty residency training program accredited  
12                          by the American Dental Association Commission on  
13                          Dental Accreditation;
- 14           (E) Of completion of a minimum of thirty-two hours of  
15                           continuing education in the applicant's dental  
16                           specialty within the preceding two-year period;
- 17           (F) That the applicant has not been subject to  
18                           disciplinary action by any jurisdiction in which  
19                           the applicant is or has been previously licensed  
20                           to practice dentistry; provided that if the  
21                           applicant has been subject to disciplinary  
22                           action, the board shall review that action to

1 determine if it warrants refusal to issue a  
2 license to the applicant;

3 (G) That the applicant has no felony convictions of  
4 any kind and no other criminal convictions that  
5 may affect the applicant's ability to render  
6 competent dental care;

7 (H) Of registration status with the federal Drug  
8 Enforcement Administration and a self-query  
9 report from the National Practitioner Data Bank;  
10 provided that the board shall review this  
11 information to determine if it warrants refusal  
12 to issue a license to the applicant; and

13 (I) Of passage of parts I and II of the National  
14 Board Dental Examination.

15 No person who has failed to pass the dentistry licensure  
16 examination shall have the benefit of a community service  
17 license.

18 (c) Community service licensees shall actively participate  
19 in a formal and ongoing program of clinical quality assurance.

20 (d) A license may be renewed annually, pending review and  
21 reauthorization of the board of dental examiners. Renewal

1 requests shall be submitted to the board of dental examiners  
2 sixty days prior to expiration.

3 (e) The community service license shall authorize the  
4 licensee to practice a dental specialty only within the  
5 employment of an eligible organization and shall be in force  
6 until the earliest of the following occurs:

7 (1) The date the person leaves the employment authorized  
8 under the community service license;

9 (2) The date on which the results of the licensure  
10 examination taken by the person under this chapter are  
11 posted by the board; or

12 (3) The date on which the board revokes the community  
13 service license; provided that the board may revoke  
14 the community service license at any time for cause.

15 (f) As used in this section:

16 "Dental specialties" means orthodontics, endodontics,  
17 pedodontics, periodontics, oral surgery, oral radiology, public  
18 health dentistry, or oral medicine/oral pathology.

19 "Qualified applicant" means any person who meets all the  
20 requirements set forth in subsection (b).

21 "Qualified place of employment" means a federally qualified  
22 health center, native Hawaiian health systems center, or a



1 private practice located in geographic communities in  
2 underserved areas as defined by the Hawaii primary care  
3 association."

4 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Dental Specialists; Licensure by Credentials

**Description:**

Authorizes the licensure by credentials of dental specialists who are licensed in another state. (HB3141 HD1)

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