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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-       Licensure without examination for dental  
5 specialists licensed in another state. (a) The board may grant  
6 a license to practice dentistry to a qualified applicant who is  
7 a dental specialist and who has not fulfilled the requirements  
8 of section 448-9.4. An applicant is a dental specialist if the  
9 applicant has graduated from an accredited dental specialty  
10 education program in orthodontics, endodontics, pedodontics,  
11 periodontics, oral surgery, oral radiology, public health  
12 dentistry, prosthodontics, or oral medicine/oral pathology. A  
13 qualified applicant under this section includes a person who has  
14 graduated from an accredited dental specialty education program  
15 whether or not the applicant has applied and been denied  
16 licensure under any other applicable laws of the State.

17           (b) The applicant under this section shall submit all of  
18 the following to the board:



- 1        (1) A completed application and all required fees;
- 2        (2) Verification of graduation from a general dental
- 3        education program accredited by the American Dental
- 4        Association (ADA) Commission on Dental Accreditation
- 5        or the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada;
- 6        (3) Verification of graduation from a post-graduate
- 7        specialty program accredited by the ADA Commission on
- 8        Dental Accreditation;
- 9        (4) Verification of a current active license issued by
- 10       another state that is not revoked, suspended, or
- 11       otherwise restricted;
- 12       (5) Verification that the applicant has been lawfully
- 13       engaged in the practice of dentistry for at least five
- 14       years within a seven-year period preceding the date of
- 15       the application, with a minimum of one thousand hours
- 16       of dentistry practice each year; provided that the
- 17       applicant may receive credit for two of the three
- 18       years of clinical practice by demonstrating completion
- 19       of a specialty residency training program accredited
- 20       by the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation;

- 1       (6) Verification of completion of a minimum of thirty-two  
2       hours of continuing education in the applicant's  
3       dental specialty within the preceding two-year period;
- 4       (7) Verification that the applicant has not been subject  
5       to disciplinary action by any jurisdiction in which  
6       the applicant is or has been previously licensed to  
7       practice dentistry; provided that if the applicant has  
8       been subject to disciplinary action, the board shall  
9       review that action to determine if it warrants refusal  
10       to issue a license to the applicant;
- 11       (8) Verification that the applicant has no felony  
12       convictions of any kind and no other criminal  
13       convictions that may affect the applicant's ability to  
14       render competent dental care;
- 15       (9) Verification of registration status with the federal  
16       Drug Enforcement Administration and a self-query  
17       report from the National Practitioner Data Bank;  
18       provided that the board shall review this information  
19       to determine if it warrants refusal to issue a license  
20       to the applicant; and
- 21       (10) Verification of passage of parts I and II of the  
22       National Board Dental Examination.



1        (c) For purposes of this section, an approved ADA  
2 residency program qualifies as the practice of dentistry under  
3 section 448-1.

4        (d) An applicant under this section shall agree to  
5 practice only as a dental specialist within the area of the  
6 applicant's specialization."

7        SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

8        SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

**Report Title:**

Dental Specialists; Licensure by Credentials

**Description:**

Authorizes the licensure by credentials of dental specialists who are licensed in another state. (SD1)

