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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DENTISTRY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to modify dental  
2   licensing laws to ensure that dentists participating in an  
3   accredited multi-year dental residency program can obtain  
4   temporary licensure for the duration of their training.

5           SECTION 2. Section 448-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6   amended to read as follows:

7           "**§448-12 Temporary license.** (a) The board of dental  
8   examiners may issue without examination to any resident or  
9   nonresident otherwise qualified to be examined a temporary  
10   license to practice dentistry in the employment of the State or  
11   any county, or any legally incorporated eleemosynary dispensary  
12   or infirmary, private school, or welfare center. The temporary  
13   license shall authorize the person to whom the license is issued  
14   to practice dentistry exclusively while engaged in that  
15   employment and shall be in force until the earliest of the  
16   following occurs:



- 1 (1) The date the person leaves the employment authorized  
2 under the temporary license;
- 3 (2) The three hundred ninety-sixth calendar day following  
4 the date of issuance of the temporary license;
- 5 (3) The date on which the results of the licensure  
6 examination taken by the person under this chapter are  
7 posted by the board; or
- 8 (4) The date on which the board revokes the temporary  
9 license;
- 10 provided that the board may revoke the temporary license at any  
11 time for cause.

12 No person who has failed an examination shall have the  
13 benefit of any temporary license.

14 (b) The board of dental examiners may issue without  
15 examination to any resident or nonresident licensed in another  
16 state and otherwise qualified to be examined a temporary license  
17 to practice dentistry while in the employment of the department  
18 of health to provide dental services to Hansen's disease  
19 sufferers. The temporary license shall be valid for a period of  
20 three years or until the first board examination after the  
21 conclusion of the three-year period and only while the person to  
22 whom the temporary license is issued is in the employment of the



1 department of health and works under the general direction and  
2 supervision of a duly licensed dentist. The temporary license  
3 shall not be renewed and shall be reviewed annually by the board  
4 of dental examiners for continuance and shall be subject to  
5 revocation and suspension as provided in section 448-17. The  
6 temporary licensee shall not be eligible for examination by the  
7 board of dental examiners while the temporary license is in  
8 effect.

9 (c) The board of dental examiners may issue a temporary  
10 license without examination to any person otherwise qualified to  
11 be examined, who is enrolled in a post-doctoral residency  
12 program that is accredited and recognized by the American Dental  
13 Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. The temporary  
14 license shall authorize the person to whom the license is issued  
15 to practice dentistry exclusively under the auspices of the  
16 dental residency program and shall be in force until the  
17 earliest of the following occurs:

- 18 (1) The date the person completes or leaves the residency  
19 program; or  
20 (2) The date on which the board revokes the temporary  
21 license;



1 provided that the board may revoke the temporary license at any  
2 time for cause.

3 (d) Post-doctoral dental residents who are granted  
4 temporary licenses under this section shall:

5 (1) Be assigned to affiliated training sites that are  
6 restricted to eleemosynary health care organizations,  
7 training site hospitals, or university-affiliated  
8 training programs, and that shall be visited and  
9 accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation  
10 of the American Dental Association, consistent with  
11 the policies of the Commission on Dental Accreditation  
12 of the American Dental Association; and  
13 (2) Act under the direct supervision of the dental  
14 residency faculty licensed in Hawaii."

15 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Dental Health; Dentists; Temporary License; Residency

**Description:**

Amends dental licensing laws so that a dentist enrolled in an American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation accredited dental residency program can be granted a temporary license for the duration of the program. (SB426 HD2)

