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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- Specialty dentists; licensure. (a) The board of
5 dental examiners may issue a specialty license in the specialty
6 areas of dentistry that are recognized by the American Dental
7 Association.
- 8 (b) An applicant for a specialty license shall:
- 9 (1) Have graduated from an accredited dental specialty
10 education program in dental public health,
11 endodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, oral and
12 maxillofacial pathology, oral and maxillofacial
13 radiology, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics,
14 pediatric dentistry, periodontics, or prosthodontics;
- 15 (2) Submit to the board a completed application and all
16 required fees;
- 17 (3) Submit to the board verification of:



- 1 (A) Graduation from a general dental education
2 program accredited by the American Dental
3 Association Commission on Dental Accreditation;
- 4 (B) Graduation from or a certification of completion
5 from a post-graduate specialty program accredited
6 by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the
7 American Dental Association. Additional
8 acceptable documentation may include verification
9 of holding a diplomate status from a dental
10 specialty certifying board recognized by the
11 American Dental Association, as provided in
12 American Dental Association policy;
- 13 (C) A current active license issued by another state
14 that is not revoked, suspended, or otherwise
15 restricted;
- 16 (D) Having been lawfully engaged in the practice of
17 dentistry in the applicant's dental specialty for
18 at least two years preceding the date of the
19 application, with a minimum of one thousand hours
20 of practice in the dental specialty each year;
- 21 (E) Completion of a minimum of thirty-two hours of
22 continuing education in the applicant's dental



1 specialty within the preceding two year period;

2 and

3 (F) Not having been subject to disciplinary action by

4 any jurisdiction in which the applicant is or has

5 been previously licensed to practice dentistry;

6 provided that if the applicant has been subject

7 to disciplinary action, the board shall review

8 that action to determine if it warrants refusal

9 to issue a license to the applicant;

10 (4) Have passed all appropriate components of the National

11 Dental Board examinations; and

12 (5) Abide by professional ethical conduct requirements.

13 (c) A specialty dentist holding a specialty license shall

14 be limited to practicing in the dentist's designated specialty

15 area. The scope of practice shall be defined by each national

16 specialty board recognized by the American Dental Association.

17 (d) A specialty dentist holding a general dentist license

18 shall be limited to practicing in the dentist's designated

19 specialty area if the dentist has announced a limitation of

20 practice. The scope of practice shall be defined by each

21 national specialty board recognized by the American Dental

22 Association.



1 (e) All specialty dentists who have fulfilled the
2 specialty dentist requirements and who intend to limit their
3 practice to a particular specialty area may apply for a
4 specialty license."

5 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Dental Specialists; Licensure

Description:

Permits the board of dental examiners to issue a specialty license in the specialty areas of dentistry recognized by the American Dental Association. Establishes requirements for applicants for specialty licensure.

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