
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DENTISTS.

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 license; committee. (a) A licensed
5 dentist shall not:

6 (1) Announce or hold himself or herself out to the public
7 as a specialist; or

8 (2) Practice as a specialist,
9 unless the licensed dentist has complied with the requirements
10 of this section.

11 (b) The board shall issue a specialty license to a
12 licensed dentist who:

13 (1) Has been certified in any specialty by an examining
14 board recognized by the American Dental Association;
15 and

16 (2) Submits an application for a specialty license, which
17 shall be accompanied by an application fee.



1 (c) A licensed dentist who has completed a dental
2 specialty program accredited by the Council on Dental
3 Accreditation, but is not eligible for a specialty license under
4 subsection (b), may apply to the board for a specialty license
5 in one of the specialty areas recognized by the American Dental
6 Association. The licensed dentist's application for a specialty
7 license shall be accompanied by an application fee. The board
8 shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 on the minimum
9 requirements for specialty licensure pursuant to this
10 subsection. The board shall issue a specialty license to an
11 applicant; provided that the applicant meets the requirements of
12 this subsection.

13 (d) The board shall grant a license in one of the
14 specialty areas recognized by the American Dental Association to
15 a licensed dentist who has been certified or licensed and is
16 practicing in another state, province, or territory if the
17 licensed dentist meets the following requirements:

18 (1) The application is accompanied by the application fee;

19 (2) The licensed dentist meets the educational
20 requirements for the specialty license required of
21 original applicants for a specialty license in this

22 State; and



1 (3) The licensed dentist meets other minimum requirements
2 for a specialty license as may be required by the
3 board.

4 (e) The board may establish a committee for each American
5 Dental Association-recognized specialty applied for consisting
6 of at least two licensed dentists in the recognized specialty
7 and who are current diplomats of an American specialty board
8 recognized by the American Dental Association. Each committee
9 shall assist the board in evaluating an applicant for a
10 specialty license in the recognized specialty for which that
11 committee was established and assume such other duties pursuant
12 to rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91.

13 (f) Each member of a committee appointed by the board
14 shall receive as compensation an amount set by the board, not to
15 exceed \$50 for each day spent in the performance of the member's
16 duties on the committee, and each member shall be reimbursed for
17 all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of
18 the member's duties.

19 (g) Licensees shall be subject to the penalties set forth
20 in section 448-17 for failure to renew the licensee's specialty
21 license or licenses or for failure to pay the renewal fee.



1 (h) The board shall issue to each applicant who has been
2 recommended as qualified by the committee, as provided in
3 subsection (d), a specialty license to practice dentistry in the
4 specialty for which the person has been recommended.

5 (i) As used in this section:

6 "Board" means the board of dental examiners.

7 "Committee" means the committee established by the board
8 pursuant to subsection (d).

9 "Licensee" means a licensed dentist who has been approved
10 by the board to hold a specialty license pursuant to this
11 section.

12 "Licensed dentist" means a dentist who is licensed to
13 practice dentistry in the State of Hawaii and holds a current
14 certificate of license pursuant to section 448-13."

15 SECTION 2. Section 448-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 **"§448-7 Fees.** (a) Every applicant qualified for
18 registration shall pay a license fee before entering practice.
19 Every person holding a license to practice dentistry in the
20 State shall pay to the board on or before December 31 of each
21 odd-numbered year, a biennial registration fee. The failure,
22 neglect, or refusal of any duly licensed dentist or doctor of



1 dental surgery to pay the biennial fee during the time the
 2 license remains in force, shall constitute a forfeiture of the
 3 license. The license may be restored upon written application
 4 therefor and the payment to the board of dental examiners of the
 5 appropriate fee.

6 (b) A licensed dentist applying for a specialty license
 7 pursuant to section 448- shall pay an application fee upon
 8 application for a specialty license. A specialty licensee shall
 9 pay an annual renewal fee for each applicable area of specialty
 10 pursuant to section 448- ."

11 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Dentists; Specialty Licenses

Description:

Creates a specialty license for dentists qualified to practice a specialty recognized by the American Dental Association (ADA). Allows the Board of Dental Examiners to establish committees to assist the Board in licensing ADA-recognized specialties.

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