

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 851

By: Monson of the Senate
and
Wells of the House

An Act relating to dentistry; amending 59 O.S. 1991, Section 328.22, which relates to specialist license; modifying gender reference; deleting requirement that dental specialist must limit practice and related disciplinary action; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 328.22, is amended to read as follows:

Section 328.22 A. No person qualified to practice dentistry, as defined herein, shall announce and/or hold himself or herself out to the public as limiting his or her practice to, or as being especially qualified in, any branch of dentistry, without first having obtained a license therefor from the Board of Governors as hereinafter provided. The Board of Governors will, at its discretion, issue licenses in only those specialties as approved by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association. The issuing of a specialist license by the Board of Governors is a special privilege granted to that member, which allows ~~him~~ the member to announce to the public that he or she is especially qualified in a particular branch of dentistry. ~~Any member granted~~

~~this special privilege must limit his practice to the specialty in which he is licensed, or said specialist's license may be revoked or suspended, as herein provided.~~

B. The Board of Governors, upon satisfactory proof that a member is a graduate in one of the recognized specialties of dentistry, from a school or educational program approved by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association, and, in addition thereto, such formal education and/or professional knowledge and experience that the Board of Governors, by rule, considers necessary to maintain the graduate standards according to present day specialists' training programs, may issue a license to any member, authorizing such member to hold himself or herself out and announce to the public that ~~he~~ the member is especially qualified and ~~limits may limit~~ may limit his or her practice to, and gives special attention in, any one of the recognized branches of the dental profession. Examinations shall be theoretical and practical. The theoretical examinations shall be in writing and include all the subjects represented in the different branches of approved graduate schools. Written examinations may be supplemented with an oral examination. Demonstration of the applicant's skill is also required. A special license shall be required for the practice of each recognized branch of dentistry in order for the member to hold himself or herself out to the public as ~~limiting his practice to,~~ and being specially qualified in, any branch of dentistry. The fee for such examination and special license shall be fixed annually by the Board of Governors, but shall not exceed Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00). Any applicant failing to pass such examination shall be entitled to one additional examination for an additional fee as required by the Board of Governors, but not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00).

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 26th day of February, 1996.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 1996.

Speaker of the House of Representatives