

SHORT TITLE: Dentistry; relating to specialist license; modifying purpose of dental specialty license; deleting certain fee limits and provision for retaking examination; effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 45th Legislature (1996)

SENATE BILL NO. 851

By: Monson of the Senate

and

Wells of the House

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to dentistry; amending 59 O.S. 1991, Section 328.22, which relates to specialist license; clarifying language and modifying gender references; modifying purpose of dental specialty license; deleting certain specific penalties; deleting certain fee limits and provision for retaking examination; and providing an effective date.

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,~~ dentist shall ~~announce and/or~~ hold himself or herself out to the public as ~~limiting his practice to,~~ or as being especially qualified in ~~any~~ any branch of dentistry, without first having obtained a dental specialty license therefor from the Board of Governors as hereinafter provided. The Board ~~of Governors~~ will, at its discretion, issue dental specialty licenses in only those specialities ~~as~~ approved by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association. ~~The issuing of a specialist~~ A dental specialty license issued by the Board ~~of Governors~~ is a special privilege ~~granted to that member,~~ which allows ~~him~~ the holder

~~thereof to announce hold himself or herself out to the public that he is as being~~ especially qualified in a particular branch of dentistry. Any ~~member~~ dentist granted this special privilege, who also holds himself or herself out to the public as practicing only in a dental specialty, must limit his or her practice to the specialty in which he or she 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~~ dentist 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,~~ has such formal education ~~and/or~~ and professional knowledge and experience that the Board ~~of Governors,~~ by rule, considers necessary to maintain the graduate standards according to present day ~~specialists'~~ specialty training programs, may issue a dental specialty license to ~~any member, authorizing such member to hold himself out and announce to the public that he is especially qualified and limits his practice to, and gives special attention in, any one of the recognized branches of the dental profession~~ the dentist. 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~~ dental specialty license shall be required for the practice of each recognized branch of dentistry in order for the ~~member~~ dentist to hold himself or herself out to the public as ~~limiting his practice to, and being specially qualified in, any a~~ branch of dentistry. The fee for such examination and ~~special~~ specialty license shall be ~~fixed annually by~~ established in the rules of 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. This act shall become effective November 1, 1996.

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