SHORT TITLE: Professions and occupations; dental specialists; removing certain prohibition; effective date; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

SENATE BILL NO. 253 By: Monson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 1991, Section 328.22, which relates to dental specialist license; removing certain prohibition; providing an effective date; 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~~ 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 Dentistry ~~of Governors~~ as hereinafter provided.

B. 1. The Board ~~of Governors~~ will, at its discretion, issue licenses in only those specialities 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.~~

2. 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, has such formal education ~~and/or~~ 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~~ such member~~, authorizing such~~. Such license authorizes the member to hold himself or herself out and announce to the public that he or she is especially qualified ~~and limits his practice~~ to~~, and gives~~ give special attention in~~,~~ any one of the recognized branches of the dental profession.

3. 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.

C. 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. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. 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.

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