

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB1627

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 1991, Section 328.24, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 283, O.S.L. 2000 (59 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 328.24), which relates to dental hygienists; clarifying language; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 328.24, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 283, O.S.L. 2000 (59 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 328.24), is amended to read as follows:

Section 328.24 A. 1. ~~The~~ Pursuant to the provisions of this section, the Board of Dentistry may issue a license to practice dental hygiene, without examination, to an out-of-state dental hygienist who has been engaged in the active practice of dental hygiene in another state or territory for at least two (2) years immediately preceding application, upon presentation to the Board of a certificate from the Board of Dental Examiners or a like dental hygiene licensing agency of that state or territory, certifying the ~~applicant's~~ length of practice of the applicant and that the applicant is in good standing with the agency, and upon the payment of a fee established by the rules of the Board; ~~provided, however,~~ ~~the~~

2. The state or territory from which the applicant presents a license to practice dental hygiene shall have required the applicant to meet professional education, competency, and other eligibility standards equivalent to the standards required by the Board for

issuance of a license by examination to practice dental hygiene in this state~~;~~;

~~2.~~ 3. The Board shall not issue a license pursuant to this subsection to any person who would not otherwise be eligible to receive a license to practice dental hygiene~~;~~ and

~~3.~~ 4. The Board may require:

- a. an applicant for a license to practice dental hygiene pursuant to this subsection to have completed the same continuing education requirements as required of dental hygienists in this state, and
- b. that the state or territory from which the applicant presents credentials afford substantially equivalent licensure by credentialing to dental hygienists of this state.

B. Any dental hygienist who is in good standing with the Board shall, upon application to the Board and payment of a fee established by the rules of the Board, receive a certificate which shall attest that the dental hygienist is in good standing with the Board.

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.

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