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The CS for SB 603 amends the State Dental Act. The measure adds acceptable examinations for an applicant to receive a license to practice dentistry to include the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) examination as an acceptable test and requires all tests to include components outlined in the measure. Additionally, the definition of “residencies” is modified to include programs recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or the Board. Military veterans or active duty military spouses may qualify for a temporary license if they met the requirements for licensure.

A dental assistant holding an out-of-state permit may apply for reciprocity if he or she otherwise meets the requirements for licensure in the state and if he or she meets certain requirements outlined in the measure. The CS establishes a fee for a Dental Assistant with Expanded Function(s) by Credential at a minimum of \$75.00 and a maximum of \$150.00. Newly licensed dentists are required by the CS to complete an approved two-hour course on opioid and scheduled drug prescribing. The Board of Dentistry may revoke or suspend the license of a licensee if he or she fails to complete the two-hour course within one year of obtaining a license or for violations related to controlled substances.

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