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Bill Analysis

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 and requires all tests to include specific components outlined in the measure. The State Board of Dentistry may affiliate as a member state, and accept regional exams including. 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. Active duty military spouses may qualify for a temporary license if they met the requirements for licensure. The measure requires dentists, dental assistants, hygienists, and oral maxillofacial surgery assistants to complete certain continuing education requirements beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2021.

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 measure 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 measure 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. The Board may also refuse to grant a license to any person convicted of any crime requiring said person to be registered as a sex offender, any violent crime, Medicaid fraud, insurance fraud, identity theft, or embezzlement. The measure also increases the cap on the amount of meetings the Board may annually hold from four to six.

House Amendments

House Amendments to SB 603 adds continuing education requirements for certain professions related to opioids for a certain period, increases the cap on the amount of times the Board of Dentistry may meet each year, and adds certain disqualifications to obtain a license from the Board.

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