

# SENATE BILL 934

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Dental Examiners – Licensure – Faculty Members at the**  
3 **University of Maryland School of Dentistry**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring, under certain circumstances, that a dentist who is a faculty  
5 member at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry and was trained at a  
6 foreign dental school be qualified by the State Board of Dental Examiners to take a  
7 certain examination; ~~requiring the Board to issue~~ authorizing a certain dentist to  
8 apply for a general license to practice dentistry under certain circumstances;  
9 requiring a dentist who ~~was issued~~ applied for a general license to practice dentistry  
10 under certain provisions of this Act and was issued a general license to surrender  
11 the license under certain circumstances; making a conforming change; and generally  
12 relating to the licensure of faculty members at the University of Maryland School of  
13 Dentistry.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Health Occupations  
16 Section 4–302(d)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
20 Article – Health Occupations  
21 Section 4–306(a)  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 BY adding to  
2 Article – Health Occupations  
3 Section 4–306.1  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
7 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

8 **Article – Health Occupations**

9 4–302.

10 (d) Unless waived by the Board under §§ 4–303 and 4–303.1 of this subtitle, **AND**  
11 **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 4–306.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE**, to qualify for a license to practice  
12 dentistry, the applicant shall hold a degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, Doctor of Dental  
13 Medicine, or the equivalent, from a college or university that is:

14 (1) Authorized by any state or any province of Canada to grant the degree;  
15 and

16 (2) Recognized by the Board as requiring adequate preprofessional  
17 collegiate training and as maintaining an acceptable course of dental instruction.

18 4–306.

19 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

20 (2) “ADEX” means the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., or its  
21 successor organization.

22 (3) (i) “ADHLEX” means the American Dental Hygiene Licensing  
23 Examination designed and developed by ADEX, or its successor examination.

24 (ii) “ADHLEX” includes a written component and a clinical  
25 component.

26 (4) (i) “ADLEX” means the American Dental Licensing Examination  
27 designed and developed by ADEX, or its successor examination.

28 (ii) “ADLEX” includes a written component and a clinical  
29 component.

30 **4–306.1.**

1 (A) A DENTIST WHO IS A FACULTY MEMBER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
2 MARYLAND SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY AND WAS TRAINED AT A FOREIGN DENTAL  
3 SCHOOL SHALL BE QUALIFIED BY THE BOARD TO TAKE AN EXAMINATION OFFERED  
4 BY ADEX, AS DEFINED IN § 4-306 OF THIS SUBTITLE, IF THE APPLICANT:

5 (1) COMPLETES TRAINING IN A DENTAL SPECIALTY RECOGNIZED BY  
6 THE BOARD;

7 (2) IS BOARD CERTIFIED IN A DENTAL SPECIALTY RECOGNIZED BY  
8 THE BOARD;

9 (3) AT THE TIME THE APPLICATION IS MADE, IS A FULL-TIME  
10 FACULTY MEMBER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY WHO  
11 HAS COMPLETED AT LEAST 7 CONSECUTIVE YEARS AS A FULL-TIME FACULTY  
12 MEMBER; AND

13 (4) SUBMITS TO THE BOARD A WRITTEN LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM  
14 THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY STATING THAT THE  
15 SCHOOL SUPPORTS THE APPLICANT TO TAKE THE ADEX EXAMINATION; ~~AND~~

16 ~~(5) AGREES IN WRITING TO LIMIT THE DENTIST'S PRACTICE TO THE~~  
17 ~~SPECIALTY IN WHICH THE DENTIST IS BOARD CERTIFIED.~~

18 (B) IF THE DENTIST RECEIVES A PASSING SCORE ON THE ADEX  
19 EXAMINATION, ~~THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE~~ THE DENTIST MAY APPLY FOR A GENERAL  
20 LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY.

21 (C) A DENTIST WHO ~~WAS ISSUED~~ APPLIED FOR A GENERAL LICENSE TO  
22 PRACTICE DENTISTRY UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION AND WAS ISSUED A  
23 GENERAL LICENSE SHALL SURRENDER THE LICENSE IF THE DENTIST:

24 ~~(1) PRACTICES OUTSIDE THE SPECIALTY IN WHICH THE DENTIST IS~~  
25 ~~BOARD CERTIFIED; OR~~

26 ~~(2) VIOLATES~~ VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS TITLE OR ANY  
27 REGULATION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
29 October 1, 2018.