

# HOUSE BILL 471

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By: **Delegate Bagnall**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Dental Examiners – Dental Specialization – Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the entity whose requirements regarding specialties an  
4 applicant for a teacher's license to practice dentistry must meet under certain  
5 circumstances; altering the entity with respect to which the State Board of Dental  
6 Examiners is authorized to approve an area of specialty recognized by the entity;  
7 providing that certain qualifications required for applicants for Board recognition as  
8 a specialist may include requirements established by certain specialty certification  
9 boards; altering the entity with respect to which the Board is authorized to consider  
10 specialties recognized and approved by the entity in approving additional specialties;  
11 altering the entity with respect to which the Board is a depository for and the  
12 arbitrator of the entity's specialty qualification standards; and generally relating to  
13 requirements for dental specialization.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Health Occupations  
16 Section 4–302(g) and 4–504  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Health Occupations**

22 4–302.

23 (g) In addition to the requirements of subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this  
24 section, to qualify for a teacher's license to practice dentistry, the applicant shall:

25 (1) Be licensed to practice dentistry in any other state;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) Have been active in the dental profession for at least 5 years;

2 (3) Be a full-time or part-time faculty member at a college or university  
3 where the applicant teaches a subject required by the dental school of that college or  
4 university; and

5 (4) If the applicant is engaged in a teaching area that is designated as a  
6 specialty by the [American Dental Association] **NATIONAL COMMISSION ON**  
7 **RECOGNITION OF DENTAL SPECIALTIES AND CERTIFYING BOARDS**, meet the  
8 requirements established by the [American Dental Association] **NATIONAL COMMISSION**  
9 **ON RECOGNITION OF DENTAL SPECIALTIES AND CERTIFYING BOARDS** for that  
10 specialty.

11 4-504.

12 (a) A licensed dentist may not represent to the public that the licensee is a  
13 specialist in any field of specialized dental practice unless identified as a specialist in that  
14 field by the Board.

15 (b) If a licensed dentist requests, the Board shall determine whether the licensee  
16 qualifies for Board identification as a specialist.

17 (c) The Board may approve any area of specialty recognized by the [Commission  
18 on Dental Accreditation] **NATIONAL COMMISSION ON RECOGNITION OF DENTAL**  
19 **SPECIALTIES AND CERTIFYING BOARDS** or its successor organization.

20 (d) (1) The Board shall adopt rules and regulations concerning application  
21 procedures, fees, and required qualifications for identification as a specialist.

22 (2) The qualifications required of applicants for Board identification as a  
23 specialist may include:

24 (i) The requirements established by various specialty certifying  
25 boards of the American Dental Association **OR SPECIALTY CERTIFYING BOARDS**  
26 **RECOGNIZED BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON RECOGNITION OF DENTAL**  
27 **SPECIALTIES AND CERTIFYING BOARDS**;

28 (ii) Education;

29 (iii) Professional experience; and

30 (iv) Whether, before July 1, 1979, the applicant represented to the  
31 public, in an ethical manner, that the applicant was a specialist.

32 (e) In approving additional specialties, the Board may consider those fields

1 recognized and approved by the [American Dental Association] **NATIONAL COMMISSION**  
2 **ON RECOGNITION OF DENTAL SPECIALTIES AND CERTIFYING BOARDS.**

3 (f) The Board is a depository for and the arbitrator of the specialty qualification  
4 standards of the [American Dental Association in this State] **NATIONAL COMMISSION**  
5 **ON RECOGNITION OF DENTAL SPECIALTIES AND CERTIFYING BOARDS.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 October 1, 2020.