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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Dental Examiners**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain provisions of law relating to the waiver of
4 education qualifications for a limited license to practice dentistry may be
5 applied to general licensee applicants who meet certain conditions; and
6 generally relating to waiver of education qualifications for a general license to
7 practice dentistry.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article - Health Occupations
10 Section 4-302(d) and 4-303
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Health Occupations**

16 4-302.

17 (d) To qualify for a license to practice dentistry, the applicant shall hold a
18 degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, Doctor of Dental Medicine, or the equivalent, from
19 a college or university that is:

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

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

3 4-303.

4 (a) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Board may waive the
5 education requirements of § 4-302 of this subtitle for an applicant for a limited
6 license who does not hold a degree of doctor of dental surgery, doctor of dental
7 medicine, or the equivalent from a college or university that is authorized by any
8 state or any province of Canada to grant the degree and is recognized by the Board
9 under § 4-302(d)(2) of this subtitle.

10 (b) The Board may grant a waiver under this section only if the applicant:

11 (1) Passes a series of preliminary tests given by the Board under its
12 regulations to determine that the applicant is qualified to take the examination for a
13 general license to practice dentistry;

14 (2) Completes at least 2 years of formal general clinical training in a
15 college or university that is authorized by any state or any province of Canada to
16 grant the degree of doctor of dental surgery, doctor of dental medicine, or the
17 equivalent and is recognized by the Board under § 4-302(d)(2) of this subtitle; and

18 (3) Meets any other requirements that the Board establishes for a waiver
19 of the education requirements of § 4-302 of this subtitle.

20 (c) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section and §
21 4-302(g) of this subtitle, the Board may grant a waiver for a teacher's license if it
22 finds that:

23 (i) The applicant holds a degree of doctor of dental surgery, doctor
24 of dental medicine, or an equivalent degree from a school, college, or faculty of
25 dentistry;

26 (ii) The applicant demonstrates that the applicant has had at least
27 5 years of clinical dental experience;

28 (iii) The applicant is found to be of good moral character and
29 professionally competent;

30 (iv) The Dean of the University of Maryland Dental School requests
31 the waiver and circumstances exist that justify the granting of a waiver; and

32 (v) The applicant is appointed to a full-time faculty position at the
33 University of Maryland Dental School.

34 (2) A teacher's license granted pursuant to a waiver under paragraph (1)
35 of this subsection:

1 (i) Authorizes the licensee to practice dentistry to the same extent
2 as other faculty members who hold general licenses to practice dentistry, provided
3 that the licensee only practices dentistry at established teaching sites and faculty
4 programs of the University of Maryland Dental School; and

5 (ii) Shall be surrendered immediately to the Board when the
6 licensee ceases to hold an appointment as a full-time faculty member of the
7 University of Maryland Dental School.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the
9 provisions of § 4-303(a) of the Health Occupations Article, the State Board of Dental
10 Examiners may waive the education requirements of § 4-302(d) of the article for a
11 general licensee applicant who meets the criteria provided in § 4-303(b) of the article
12 and was enrolled in a residency program at The University of Maryland Dental
13 School on or before July 1, 1998 and is examined by the State Board of Dental
14 Examiners on or before December 31, 2000.

15 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 July 1, 2000.