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By: **Senator Dorman**

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A BILL ENTITLED

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

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

24 4-303.

25 (a) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Board may waive the
26 education requirements of § 4-302 of this subtitle for an applicant for a limited
27 license who does not hold a degree of doctor of dental surgery, doctor of dental

1 medicine, or the equivalent from a college or university that is authorized by any
2 state or any province of Canada to grant the degree and is recognized by the Board
3 under § 4-302(d)(2) of this subtitle.

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

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

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

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

14 (c) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section and §
15 4-302(g) of this subtitle, the Board may grant a waiver for a teacher's license if it
16 finds that:

17 (i) The applicant holds a degree of doctor of dental surgery, doctor
18 of dental medicine, or an equivalent degree from a school, college, or faculty of
19 dentistry;

20 (ii) The applicant demonstrates that the applicant has had at least
21 5 years of clinical dental experience;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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