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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, 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~~ Health  
11 Occupations Article for a general licensee applicant who meets the criteria provided  
12 in § 4-303(b) of the ~~article~~ Health Occupations Article and ~~was enrolled in a residency~~  
13 ~~program at The University of Maryland Dental School on or before July 1, 1998 and is~~  
14 ~~examined by the State Board of Dental Examiners on or before December 31, 2000;~~

15 (1) (i) was enrolled in a residency program at The University of  
16 Maryland Dental School on or before July, 1998; and

17 (ii) is examined by the State Board of Dental Examiners on or  
18 before December 31, 2000; or

19 (2) (i) was a resident of Maryland on or before October 1, 1999;

20 (ii) on or after October 1, 1999, was enrolled in a program that  
21 meets the criteria of § 4-303(b)(2) of the Health Occupations Article and completed  
22 that program before July 1, 2001; and

23 (iii) is examined by the State Board of Dental Examiners before  
24 September 1, 2001.

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