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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 147 (Senator Dorman)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

State Board of Dental Examiners

This bill allows the State Board of Dental Examiners to waive the educational requirements necessary for licensure as a dentist, if a general licensee applicant: (1) was enrolled in a residency program at the University of Maryland Dental School on or before July 1, 1998; and (2) is examined by the board on or before December 31, 2000. The general licensee applicant must also meet current educational waiver requirements granted to limited license applicants, which require the applicant to: (1) pass a series of board administered preliminary tests; (2) complete at least two years of formal general clinical training in an authorized college or university in the United States or Canada or the equivalent; and (3) meet any other requirements that the board establishes for waiver of the educational requirements.

This bill takes effect July 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not materially affect governmental finances or operations.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Limited license applicants seeking an educational requirement waiver must meet certain testing and training requirements as required in the Health Occupations Article, §4-303(b). Current law has no provisions for waiving the educational requirements for an individual seeking general licensure as a dentist.

Background: The purpose of the educational requirement waiver is to allow foreign-educated dentists or graduate dental students to practice dentistry in Maryland. Before October 1, 1999, the educational waiver requirement applied to both general and limited license applicants. Chapter 376 of 1999 (SB 672) specifies that only applicants for a limited license are eligible for the waiver. A limited license allows the licensee to practice dentistry only at a specific institution and on specific patients at the institution. Chapter 376 of 1999 thus made certain foreign-educated dental residents at the University of Maryland Dental School ineligible for the educational requirement waiver. This bill is intended to grandfather in current residents and allow them to apply for general licensure.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 165 (Delegate Frush, *et al.*) - Environmental Matters.

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