
By: **Delegate Owings**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Dental Examiners**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that the State Board of Dental Examiners shall issue a
4 general license to practice dentistry to certain applicants; and generally relating
5 to waiver of certain qualifications for a general license to practice dentistry.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article - Health Occupations
8 Section 4-302(d)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2000 Replacement Volume)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Health Occupations
13 Section 4-303
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2000 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article - Health Occupations**

19 4-302.

20 (d) To qualify for a license to practice dentistry, the applicant shall hold a
21 Degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, Doctor of Dental Medicine, or the equivalent,
22 from a college or university that is:

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

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

1 4-303.

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

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

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

12 (2) Completes at least 2 years of formal general clinical training in a
13 college or university that is authorized by any state or any province of Canada to
14 grant the Degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, Doctor of Dental Medicine, or the
15 equivalent and is recognized by the Board under § 4-302(d)(2) of this subtitle; and

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

18 (c) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section and §
19 4-302(g) of this subtitle, the Board may grant a waiver for a teacher's license if it
20 finds that:

21 (i) The applicant holds a Degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery,
22 Doctor of Dental Medicine, or an equivalent degree from a school, college, or faculty of
23 dentistry;

24 (ii) The applicant demonstrates that the applicant has had at least
25 5 years of clinical dental experience;

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 (D) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION AND § 4-302 OF
5 THIS SUBTITLE, THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A GENERAL LICENSE TO PRACTICE
6 DENTISTRY TO AN APPLICANT IF:

7 (1) THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY IN
8 ANOTHER STATE OR IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA;

9 (2) THE APPLICANT HAS PRACTICED DENTISTRY IN THAT STATE OR
10 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE
11 APPLICANT'S APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

12 (3) THE APPLICANT HAS NO RECORDED VIOLATION OF THE LAWS OR
13 REGULATIONS OF THAT STATE OR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WITH RESPECT TO
14 PRACTICING DENTISTRY; AND

15 (4) THE APPLICANT HAS RESIDED IN THIS STATE FOR MORE THAN 5
16 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE APPLICANT'S APPLICATION UNDER THIS
17 SUBTITLE.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 July 1, 2001.