

**Department of Legislative Services**

Maryland General Assembly

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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 1049 (Delegate Owings)

Environmental Matters

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**State Board of Dental Examiners**

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This bill expands the criteria under which the State Board of Dental Examiners may issue a general license to practice dentistry.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2001.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Potential minimal increase in revenues due to an increased number of licensees.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** This bill authorizes the State Board of Dental Examiners to issue a general license to practice dentistry if the applicant: (1) has been licensed to practice dentistry in another state or in the District of Columbia; (2) has practiced dentistry in that state or the District of Columbia for more than ten years immediately prior to the applicant's application for a license; (3) has no recorded violation of the laws or regulations of that state or the District of Columbia with respect to practicing dentistry; and (4) has resided in this State for more than five years immediately prior to the applicant's application for licensure.

**Current Law:** Broadly, to qualify for a general license to practice dentistry, an applicant must: (1) be of good moral character; (2) be at least 18 years old; (3) hold a Degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, Doctor of Dental Medicine, or the equivalent, from a college or university that is: (i) authorized by any state or any province of Canada to grant the degree; and (ii) recognized by the board as requiring adequate preprofessional collegiate training and as maintaining an acceptable course of dental instruction; and (4) pass an examination given by the board.

**State Revenues:** To the extent that the provisions of this bill would lead to more licensees in the State, general fund revenues would increase marginally.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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