

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 237

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Delegate Donoghue” and substitute “Delegates Donoghue and Oaks”; in line 2, strike “Waiver of”; in the same line, strike “Education”; in line 5, strike “general” and substitute “limited”; in line 8, after “clinic” insert “or certain health centers”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 8 down through the first “to” in line 11 and substitute “providing that a certain limited license shall expire and”; in line 11, after “circumstances;” insert “authorizing the Board to issue a general license to practice dentistry to a certain limited licensee; making certain conforming changes; providing for the termination of certain authority of the Board to waive certain education requirements;”; in line 12, strike “the waiver of the”; in the same line, strike “education”; in line 13, after “a” insert “limited license and a”; and in line 16, after “4-302(d)” insert “and (f)(1), 4-304(b), 4-307(b)(2), 4-308(b), and 4-309(a)(2)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 10, insert:

“(f) (1) Unless the examination requirement is waived under § 4-306 or § 4-310 of this subtitle, AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 4-303.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, to qualify for a general license to practice dentistry or a general license to practice dental hygiene, the applicant shall pass an examination given by the Board under this subtitle.”;

in line 14, strike “GENERAL” and substitute “LIMITED”; in line 32, after “YEARS” insert “:

1.”;

in line 33, after “STATE;” insert “OR”; after line 33, insert:

“2. IN A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER OR

(Over)

MARYLAND QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER ONLY TO MEDICAID, UNINSURED, OR INDIGENT PATIENTS OR PATIENTS WHO OTHERWISE QUALIFY FOR DENTAL CARE IN A PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL CLINIC;

(V) LIMITS PRACTICE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL CLINIC, FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER, OR MARYLAND QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER FOR WHICH THE APPLICANT HAS CONTRACTUALLY AGREED TO PROVIDE PEDIATRIC DENTAL SERVICES;”;

and in line 34, strike “(V)” and substitute “(VI)”.

On page 3, in line 1, strike “(VI)” and substitute “(VII)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 6, after “WAIVER” insert “FROM THE BOARD”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 8 through 16, inclusive, and substitute:

“(C) A LIMITED LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY ISSUED TO AN APPLICANT FOR A WAIVER UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL EXPIRE AND BE SURRENDERED IMMEDIATELY TO THE BOARD IF:

(1) THE LICENSEE’S CONTRACT WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL CLINIC, FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER, OR MARYLAND QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER EXPIRES; OR

(2) THE LICENSEE FAILS, FOR ANY REASON, TO FULLY SATISFY THE LICENSEE’S OBLIGATIONS UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(1)(IV) AND (V) OF THIS SECTION.

(D) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A GENERAL LICENSE TO A LIMITED LICENSEE WHO WAS GRANTED A WAIVER UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE LIMITED LICENSEE:

(1) SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES AT LEAST A 2-YEAR CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE PEDIATRIC DENTAL CARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH

SUBSECTION (B)(1)(IV) OF THIS SECTION;

(2) SUBMITS AN APPLICATION FOR A GENERAL LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE BOARD;

(3) PASSES THE WRITTEN AND CLINICAL EXAMINATIONS OF THE NORTH EAST REGIONAL BOARD;

(4) PASSES THE MARYLAND DENTAL JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION;

(5) PASSES THE NATIONAL BOARD EXAMINATIONS;

(6) DEMONSTRATES ORAL ENGLISH COMPETENCY BY SCORING 220 OR BETTER FOR OVERALL COMPREHENSION AND 2.0 OR BETTER FOR PRONUNCIATION, GRAMMAR, AND FLUENCY ON THE TEST OF SPOKEN ENGLISH ADMINISTERED BY THE EDUCATIONAL TESTING SERVICE; AND

(7) IS FOUND TO BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.

4-304.

(b) In addition to the other requirements of this section, an applicant for a limited license to practice dentistry shall submit to the Board a written request, from the hospital, sanatorium, [or] dental school, OR PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM to which the practice is to be limited, that the license be issued.

4-307.

(b) (2) On a limited license to practice dentistry, the Board also shall include:

(i) The date the license expires, FOR A LICENCE THAT EXPIRES ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF ITS EFFECTIVE DATE; and

(Over)

(ii) The name of the institution OR PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM at which the licensee is authorized to practice dentistry.

4-308.

(b) While it is effective, a limited license to practice dentistry issued under this title authorizes the licensee to practice dentistry, including as an intern or a resident:

(1) Only for the institution OR PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM named on the license; and

(2) Only on patients of the institution OR PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM named on the license.

4-309.

(a) (2) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 4-303.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A limited license to practice dentistry expires on the first anniversary of its effective date.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, after line 16, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the authority of the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners under § 4-303.1 of the Health Occupations Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, to grant a waiver of the education requirements of § 4-302 of the Health Occupations Article for applicants for a limited license to practice dentistry who are contractually obligated to provide pediatric dental services in a federally qualified health center or Maryland qualified health center, terminates at the end of September 30, 2006.”;

in line 17, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in the same line, after “That” insert “, subject to Section 2 of this Act.”.