
By: **Delegate Donoghue**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dentistry - Waiver of Licensure Education Requirements - Pediatric**
3 **Specialist**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Dental Examiners to waive certain
5 education requirements for applicants for a general license to practice dentistry
6 who do not hold certain degrees, if certain conditions are met, including the
7 applicant's being contractually obligated to provide pediatric dental services for
8 at least a certain number of years in a public health dental clinic; requiring
9 applicants whose waiver of certain education requirements was granted to pass
10 a certain examination given by the Board; requiring a license granted under this
11 Act to be surrendered to the Board under certain circumstances; and generally
12 relating to the waiver of the licensure education requirements for certain
13 applicants for a general license to practice dentistry in the State.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Health Occupations
16 Section 4-302(d)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

19 BY adding to
20 Article - Health Occupations
21 Section 4-303.1
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

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Article - Health Occupations

2 4-302.

3 (d) [To] UNLESS WAIVED BY THE BOARD UNDER §§ 4-303 AND 4-303.1 OF THIS
4 SUBTITLE, TO qualify for a license to practice dentistry, the applicant shall hold a
5 Degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, Doctor of Dental Medicine, or the equivalent,
6 from a college or university that is:

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

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

11 4-303.1.

12 (A) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD MAY WAIVE
13 THE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF § 4-302 OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR AN APPLICANT
14 FOR A GENERAL LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY WHO DOES NOT HOLD A DEGREE
15 OF DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY, DOCTOR OF DENTAL MEDICINE, OR THE
16 EQUIVALENT FROM A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY THAT IS AUTHORIZED BY ANY STATE
17 OR ANY PROVINCE OF CANADA TO GRANT THE DEGREE AND IS RECOGNIZED BY THE
18 BOARD UNDER § 4-302(D)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

19 (B) THE BOARD MAY GRANT A WAIVER UNDER THIS SECTION ONLY IF:

20 (1) THE APPLICANT:

21 (I) HOLDS A DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY, DOCTOR
22 OF DENTAL MEDICINE, OR AN EQUIVALENT DEGREE FROM A SCHOOL, COLLEGE, OR
23 FACULTY OF DENTISTRY OTHER THAN ONE LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES OR
24 CANADA;

25 (II) HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AT LEAST A 2-YEAR
26 PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY RESIDENCY PROGRAM AT A DENTAL SCHOOL OR A HOSPITAL
27 AUTHORIZED BY ANY STATE AND WHICH IS RECOGNIZED BY THE BOARD;

28 (III) EITHER IS A PEDIATRIC DENTAL FELLOW, OR HAS
29 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A PEDIATRIC DENTAL FELLOWSHIP, AT THE
30 UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND DENTAL SCHOOL;

31 (IV) IS CONTRACTUALLY OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE PEDIATRIC
32 DENTAL SERVICES FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS IN A PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL CLINIC
33 OPERATED BY THE STATE OR A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY OF THE STATE;

34 (V) IS FOUND TO BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER AND
35 PROFESSIONALLY COMPETENT; AND

1 (VI) MEETS ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS THAT THE BOARD MAY
2 REASONABLY REQUIRE; AND

3 (2) THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM FOR
4 WHICH THE APPLICANT HAS CONTRACTUALLY AGREED TO PROVIDE AT LEAST 2
5 YEARS OF PEDIATRIC DENTAL SERVICES AND THE DEAN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
6 MARYLAND DENTAL SCHOOL REQUEST THE WAIVER AND STATE THAT
7 CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST TO JUSTIFY GRANTING THE WAIVER.

8 (C) A GENERAL LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY MAY BE GRANTED UNDER
9 THIS SECTION ONLY AFTER THE APPLICANT HAS SUCCESSFULLY PASSED AN
10 EXAMINATION GIVEN BY THE BOARD AS REQUIRED UNDER § 4-302(F)(1) OF THIS
11 SUBTITLE.

12 (D) A GENERAL LICENSE GRANTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE
13 SURRENDERED IMMEDIATELY TO THE BOARD IF THE LICENSEE FAILS, FOR ANY
14 REASON, TO FULLY SATISFY THE LICENSEE'S CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS TO
15 PROVIDE PEDIATRIC DENTAL CARE IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL CLINIC AS
16 REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(1)(IV) OF THIS SECTION.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
18 effect October 1, 2003.