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CHAPTER

1 AN ACT concerning

2 State Board of Dental Examiners - Powers and Duties

- 3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board to require an examination, under certain
- 4 circumstances, of a certified dental radiation technologist or a licensed dentist
- 5 or dental hygienist during an investigation against the certificate holder or
- 6 licensee to be used in certain proceedings; clarifying certain privileges waived by
- 7 a certified dental radiation technologist or a licensed dentist or dental hygienist;
- 8 establishing that a refusal to submit to an examination by a certificate holder or
- 9 a licensee is prima facie evidence of certain findings under certain
- circumstances; requiring the Board to pay the cost of certain examinations;
- altering the qualifications for a teacher's license to practice dentistry or dental
- 12 hygiene to include part-time faculty members; altering the qualification
- requirements for a limited license to practice dentistry; repealing a provision
- requiring the Board to give examinations for licensure at certain times and
- places; repealing a provision requiring the Board to give a certain examination
- in writing; repealing certain requirements an applicant must complete if the
- applicant fails a certain examination a certain number of times; prohibiting an
- applicant who fails an examination a certain number of times from being
- 19 licensed except under certain circumstances; repealing provisions limiting the
- 20 roles a consumer member of the Board and a dental hygienist member of the
- 21 Board may have in administering certain examinations; authorizing the Board
- to set the fee to replace lost or destroyed licenses; authorizing the Board to set
- 23 the late fee for a licensee's failure to notify the Board of a change of address;
- 24 altering the license renewal and license expiration requirements for a teacher's
- 25 license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene; authorizing the Board to deny,
- 26 reprimand, suspend, or revoke the license of a licensed dentist or dental
- 27 hygienist if an applicant or licensee willfully and without legal justification fails

- 1 to cooperate with a lawful Board investigation; altering the dates for the 2 beginning and end of staggered terms of the members of the State Board of 3 Dental Examiners; and generally relating to the powers and duties of the State Board of Dental Examiners. 4 5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article - Health Occupations 6 Section 4-202(a), 4-302(a), (b), (c), and (d), and 4-307(a) 4-307(a), and 4-313 7 8 Annotated Code of Maryland 9 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement) 10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Health Occupations 11 Section 4-202(h), 4-302(g) and (h), 4-303, 4-305, 4-307(c), 4-309, 4-313, and 12 13 4-315 14 Annotated Code of Maryland 15 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement) 16 BY adding to 17 Article - Health Occupations 18 Section 4-205.1 19 Annotated Code of Maryland (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement) 20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 21 22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 23 **Article - Health Occupations** 24 4-202. 25 (1) The Board consists of 15 members. (a) Of the 15 Board members: 26 (2) 27 9 shall be licensed dentists; (i) 28 (ii) 3 shall be licensed dental hygienists; and
- 30 The Governor shall appoint the dentist Board members, with the 31 advice of the Secretary, from a list of names submitted to the Governor jointly by the

3 shall be consumer members.

- 32 Maryland State Dental Association and the Maryland Dental Society. The number of
- 33 names on the list for one vacancy shall be at least four names, for two vacancies at
- 34 least three names for each vacancy, and for three or more vacancies at least two

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35 names for each vacancy.

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HOUSE BILL 198 1 (4) The Governor shall appoint the dental hygienist Board members, 2 with the advice of the Secretary, from a list of names submitted to the Governor by 3 the Maryland Dental Hygienists' Association. The number of names on the list shall 4 be four times the number of vacancies. The Governor shall appoint the consumer members with the advice of 6 the Secretary and the advice and consent of the Senate. 7 The term of a member is 4 years. (h) (1) 8 (2) The terms of the members are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the Board on October 1, [1994] 2004. 10 (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is 11 appointed and qualifies. 12 (4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for 13 the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies. 14 (5) A member may not be appointed for more than 2 consecutive full 15 terms. To the extent practicable, the Governor shall fill any vacancy on the 16 (6)17 Board within 60 days of the date of the vacancy. 18 4-205.1. 19 (A) WHILE INVESTIGATING AN ALLEGATION AGAINST A CERTIFICATE 20 HOLDER OR LICENSEE UNDER THIS TITLE, THE BOARD MAY REQUIRE THE 21 CERTIFICATE HOLDER OR LICENSEE TO SUBMIT TO AN APPROPRIATE EXAMINATION 22 BY A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD AFTER TAKING INTO 23 CONSIDERATION THE RACE, GENDER, AND OTHER CULTURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF 24 THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER OR LICENSEE IF THE BOARD HAS REASON TO BELIEVE 25 THAT THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER OR LICENSEE MAY CAUSE HARM TO A PERSON 26 AFFECTED BY THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER'S PRACTICE OF DENTAL RADIATION 27 TECHNOLOGY OR THE LICENSEE'S PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY OR DENTAL HYGIENE. IN RETURN FOR THE PRIVILEGE GIVEN TO A CERTIFICATE HOLDER TO 28 29 PRACTICE DENTAL RADIATION TECHNOLOGY OR TO A LICENSEE TO PRACTICE 30 DENTISTRY OR DENTAL HYGIENE IN THE STATE, THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER OR 31 LICENSEE IS DEEMED TO HAVE: 32 CONSENTED TO SUBMIT TO AN EXAMINATION UNDER THIS SECTION, (1) 33 IF REQUESTED BY THE BOARD IN WRITING; AND

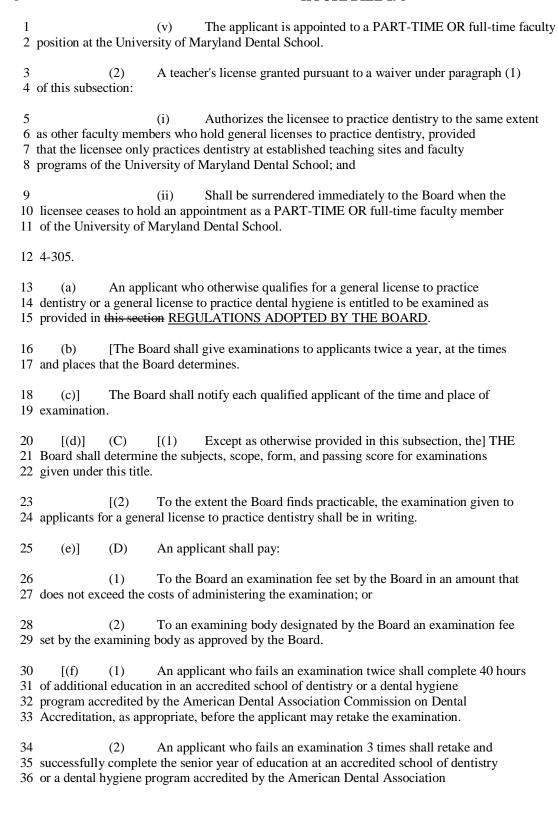
IN PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE BOARD, OR IN COURT PROCEEDINGS

35 TO WHICH THE BOARD AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER OR LICENSEE ARE PARTIES, 36 WAIVED ANY CLAIM OF PRIVILEGE AS TO THE TESTIMONY OR REPORTS OF A HEALTH

37 CARE PROVIDER WHO EXAMINES THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER OR LICENSEE.

- **HOUSE BILL 198** 1 (C) THE FAILURE OR REFUSAL OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER OR LICENSEE 2 TO SUBMIT TO AN EXAMINATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS 3 SECTION IS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER'S INABILITY TO 4 PRACTICE DENTAL RADIATION TECHNOLOGY OR THE LICENSEE'S INABILITY TO 5 PRACTICE DENTISTRY OR DENTAL HYGIENE COMPETENTLY, UNLESS THE BOARD 6 FINDS THAT THE FAILURE OR REFUSAL WAS BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE 7 CERTIFICATE HOLDER OR LICENSEE. THE BOARD SHALL PAY THE COST OF ANY EXAMINATION MADE UNDER 8 (D) 9 THIS SECTION. 10 4-302. 11 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, to qualify for a license, an 12 applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section. 13 (b) The applicant shall be of good moral character. 14 To qualify for a license to practice dentistry, the applicant shall be at least (c) 15 18 years old. Unless waived by the Board under §§ 4-303 and 4-303.1 of this subtitle, to 16 qualify for a license to practice dentistry, the applicant shall hold a degree of Doctor of 17 Dental Surgery, Doctor of Dental Medicine, or the equivalent, from a college or university that is: 20 (1) Authorized by any state or any province of Canada to grant the 21 degree; and 22 Recognized by the Board as requiring adequate preprofessional 23 collegiate training and as maintaining an acceptable course of dental instruction. 24 In addition to the requirements of subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this 25 section, to qualify for a teacher's license to practice dentistry, the applicant shall: 26 Be licensed to practice dentistry in any other state; (1) 27 (2) Have been active in the dental profession for at least 5 years;
- Be a PART-TIME OR full-time faculty member at a college or 28 (3) 29 university where the applicant teaches a subject required by the dental school of that
- 30 college or university; and
- If the applicant is engaged in a teaching area that is designated as a 31 32 specialty by the American Dental Association, meet the requirements established by
- 33 the American Dental Association for that specialty.
- 34 (h) In addition to the requirements of subsections (a), (b), and (e) of this
- 35 section, to qualify for a teacher's license to practice dental hygiene, the applicant
- 36 shall:

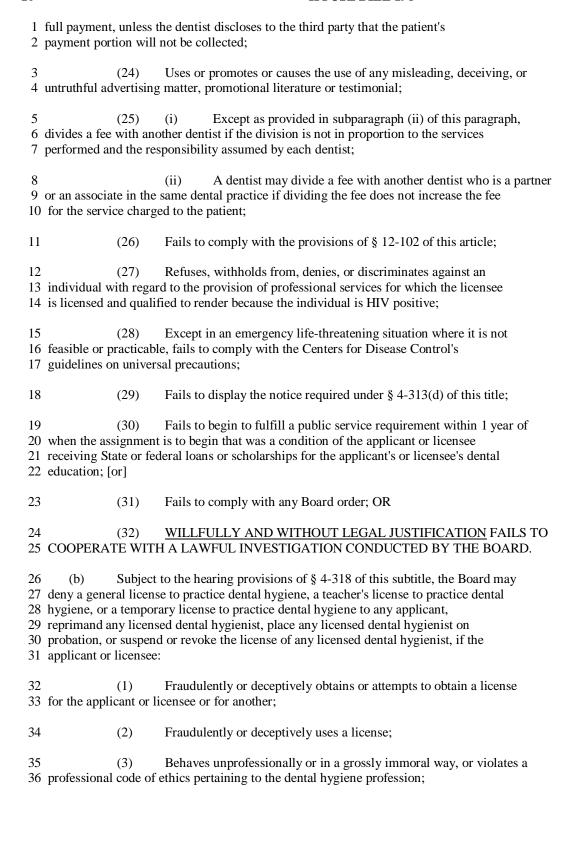
1	(1) Be licensed to practice dental hygiene in any other state;
2 3	(2) Have been active as a dental hygienist for at least 5 years before applying for the teacher's license to practice dental hygiene; and
4 5	(3) Be a PART-TIME OR full-time faculty member at a dental school where the applicant teaches a subject required by that school.
6	4-303.
9 10 11	(a) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Board may waive the education requirements of § 4-302 of this subtitle for an applicant for a limited license who does not hold a Degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, Doctor of Dental Medicine, or the equivalent from a college or university that is authorized by any state or any province of Canada to grant the degree and is recognized by the Board under § 4-302(d)(2) of this subtitle.
13	(b) The Board may grant a waiver under this section only if the applicant:
	(1) [Passes a series of preliminary tests given by the Board under its regulations to determine that the applicant is qualified to take the examination for a general license to practice dentistry;
19	(2)] Completes at least 2 years of formal general clinical training in a college or university that is authorized by any state or any province of Canada to grant the Degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, Doctor of Dental Medicine, or the equivalent and is recognized by the Board under § 4-302(d)(2) of this subtitle; and
21 22	[(3)] (2) Meets any other requirements that the Board establishes for a waiver of the education requirements of § 4-302 of this subtitle.
23 24	(c) AN APPLICANT WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF \S 4-302(A), (B), (C), AND (D) OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL QUALIFY FOR A LIMITED LICENSE.
	(D) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section and § 4-302(g) of this subtitle, the Board may grant a waiver for a teacher's license if it finds that:
	(i) The applicant holds a Degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, Doctor of Dental Medicine, or an equivalent degree from a school, college, or faculty of dentistry;
31 32	(ii) The applicant demonstrates that the applicant has had at least 5 years of clinical dental experience;
33 34	(iii) The applicant is found to be of good moral character and professionally competent;
35 36	(iv) The Dean of the University of Maryland Dental School requests the waiver and circumstances exist that justify the granting of a waiver; and



	Commission on Dental Accreditation, as appropriate, before the applicant may retake the examination.
3	(3)] (E) [An] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 4-306 OF THIS SUBTITLE, AN applicant who fails an examination 4 times may not be [reexamined] LICENSED.
5 6	[(g) (F) Consumer members of the Board may only participate in the proctoring or monitoring of examinations under this title.
	(h) (G) Unless authorized by the Board, a dental hygienist member of the Board may not participate in any activity relating to the examination of dentists under this title.]
10	4-307.
11 12	(a) The Board shall issue the appropriate license to any applicant who meets the requirements of this title for that license.
	(c) The Board shall issue a license to replace a lost or destroyed license if the licensee pays a fee [of \$5] SET BY THE BOARD SO AS TO APPROXIMATE THE ACTUAL COST OF REPLACING THE LICENSE.
16	4-309.
	(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a license expires on the date set by the Board, unless the license is renewed for an additional term as provided in this section. A license may not be renewed for a term longer than 2 years.
20 21	(2) 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.
22 23	(3) A teacher's license to practice dentistry or a teacher's license to practice dental hygiene expires on the earlier of:
24 25	(i) The date set by the Board, unless the license is renewed for an additional term as provided in this section; or
26 27	(ii) The date when the licensee ceases to be a PART-TIME OR full-time faculty member at the institution named on the license.
30	(b) If a teacher's license to practice dentistry expires because the licensee no longer is a PART-TIME OR full-time faculty member at the institution named on the license, the licensee shall surrender the license to the Board secretary within 30 days. 4-313.
34	(a) Each holder of a general license to practice dental hygiene, a teacher's license to practice dental hygiene, or a temporary license to practice dental hygiene shall display the license and any current renewal certificate conspicuously in the office where the holder is engaged in practice.

3	(b) Each holder of a general license to practice dentistry, a limited license to practice dentistry, or a teacher's license to practice dentistry shall keep the license and any current renewal certificate in the office where the holder is engaged in practice.					
			Each holder of a general license to practice dentistry, a limited license ry, or a teacher's license to practice dentistry shall notify the oard in writing within 60 days of any change of office address.			
	of office add \$10] SET B		ovided in	ee who fails to notify the secretary of the Board of any change this subsection shall pay to the Board a late fee Fof		
		display t	he notice	aged in the private practice of dentistry in this State, the developed under § 1-207 of this article conspicuously is engaged in practice.		
14	4-315.					
17 18	(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 4-318 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a general license to practice dentistry, a limited license to practice dentistry, or a teacher's license to practice dentistry to any applicant, reprimand any licensed dentist, place any licensed dentist on probation, or suspend or revoke the license of any licensed dentist, if the applicant or licensee:					
20 21	for the appli	(1) cant or li		ently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a license for another;		
22		(2)	Fraudule	ently or deceptively uses a license;		
23		(3)	Obtains	a fee by fraud or attempts to obtain a fee by fraud;		
	4 (4) Is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or to a 5 crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is 6 pending to have the conviction or plea set aside;					
27		(5)	Provides	professional services while:		
28			(i)	Under the influence of alcohol; or		
	defined in §			Using any narcotic or controlled dangerous substance, as inal Law Article, or other drug that is in excess of t valid medical indication;		
32 33	grossly inco	(6) mpetent		s dentistry in a professionally incompetent manner or in a		
34 35	other state;	(7)	Has had	a license to practice dentistry revoked or suspended in any		
36		(8)	Uses and	other person as an in-person solicitor of business;		

1 2	(9) on the license;	Practices or offers to practice dentistry under a name other than that			
3	(10) name or a trade name	Uses in connection with the practice of dentistry a business entity that is not authorized by law;			
5 6	(11) Permits an unauthorized individual to practice dentistry under the supervision of the applicant or licensee;				
7	(12)	Permits a dental hygienist to practice dental hygiene:			
8		(i) In an unauthorized place; or			
9 10	4-308 of this title;	(ii) Without being supervised by a licensed dentist as required by §			
11	(13)	Violates any restriction on advertising in § 4-503 of this title;			
12 13	(14) dental laboratory;	Suggests, requests, or in any way directs that a patient appear at a			
14 15	(15) authorizations for de	Violates any provision in Subtitle 4 of this title, which relates to work ntal laboratory work;			
16 17	Behaves dishonorably or unprofessionally, or violates a professional code of ethics pertaining to the dentistry profession;				
18	(17)	Is mentally or physically incompetent to practice dentistry;			
19	(18)	Violates any rule or regulation adopted by the Board;			
		Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any other provicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country for an act its for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes;			
23 24	(20) dentistry;	Willfully makes or files a false report or record in the practice of			
	(21) impedes or obstructs file or record the repo	Willfully fails to file or record any report as required by law, willfully the filing or recording of the report, or induces another to fail to ort;			
30	representation asserti	Knowingly submits to a third party any claim form, bill, or statement nisleading, deceptive, false, incomplete, or fraudulenting a fee which is greater than the fee that the dentist usually in full for any given dental appliance, procedure, or service;			
		Abrogates or forgives the copayment provisions of any insurance atract, health prepayment contract, health care plan, or nonprofit contract by accepting the payment received from a third party as			



1	(2	4) 1	Practices	dental hygiene in an unauthorized	place;
2 3	in a grossly inc			dental hygiene in a professionally r;	incompetent manner or
	state or country	y or conv	victed or	ined by a licensing or disciplinary disciplined by a court of any state olinary action under the Board's dis	or country for an act
7 8	and regulations			intraoral functions not authorized	by statute or the rules
9 10	display of lices			the requirements of § 4-313 of this certificates;	subtitle that relate to
11	(9	9)	Violates	any rule or regulation adopted by the	ne Board;
12	(1	10)	Is mental	ly or physically incompetent to pra	ctice dental hygiene;
	crime involvin	ig moral	turpitud	ted of or pleads guilty or nolo cont e, whether or not any appeal or oth or plea set aside;	
16	(1	12)	Provides	professional services while:	
17		((i)	Under the influence of alcohol; or	
		-101 of t	he Crimi	Using any narcotic or controlled danal Law Article, or other drug that valid medical indication;	
21 22	dental hygiene		Willfully	makes or files a false report or rec	ord in the practice of
	'	structs tl	he filing	fails to file or record any report as or recording of the report, or induc	
	individual with	h regard	to the pr	withholds from, denies, or discrimovision of professional services for ler because the individual is HIV p	which the licensee
	,	cticable.	, fails to	an emergency life-threatening situ comply with the Centers for Diseas ions; [or]	
32	(1	17)]	Fails to c	omply with any Board order; OR	
33 34				LLY AND WITHOUT LEGAL JU FUL INVESTIGATION CONDUC	

- 1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the members
- 2 serving on the State Board of Dental Examiners as of October 1, 2004, shall expire as
- 3 follows:
- 4 (1) the members appointed for the term beginning October 1, 2001, on
- 5 September 30, 2005;
- 6 (2) the members appointed for the term beginning October 1, 2002, on
- 7 May 31, 2006;
- 8 (3) the members appointed for the term beginning October 1, 2003, on
- 9 May 31, 2007;
- the members appointed for the term beginning October 1, 2004, on
- 11 May 31, 2008; and
- 12 (5) the members appointed for the term beginning October 1, 2005, on
- 13 May 31, 2009.
- 14 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 15 October 1, 2004.