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By: **Delegate Pena–Melnik**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Dental Examiners – Licensure – Faculty Members at the**  
3 **University of Maryland School of Dentistry**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring, under certain circumstances, that a dentist who is a faculty  
5 member at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry and was trained at a  
6 foreign dental school be qualified by the State Board of Dental Examiners to take a  
7 certain examination; requiring the Board to issue a general license to practice  
8 dentistry under certain circumstances; requiring a dentist who was issued a general  
9 license to practice dentistry under certain provisions of this Act to surrender the  
10 license under certain circumstances; making a conforming change; and generally  
11 relating to the licensure of faculty members at the University of Maryland School of  
12 Dentistry.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Health Occupations  
15 Section 4–302(d)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
19 Article – Health Occupations  
20 Section 4–306(a)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

23 BY adding to  
24 Article – Health Occupations  
25 Section 4–306.1  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland  
27 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Health Occupations**

4 4–302.

5 (d) Unless waived by the Board under §§ 4–303 and 4–303.1 of this subtitle, **AND**  
6 **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 4–306.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE**, to qualify for a license to practice  
7 dentistry, the applicant shall hold a degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, Doctor of Dental  
8 Medicine, or the equivalent, from a college or university that is:

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

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

13 4–306.

14 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

15 (2) “ADEX” means the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., or its  
16 successor organization.

17 (3) (i) “ADHLEX” means the American Dental Hygiene Licensing  
18 Examination designed and developed by ADEX, or its successor examination.

19 (ii) “ADHLEX” includes a written component and a clinical  
20 component.

21 (4) (i) “ADLEX” means the American Dental Licensing Examination  
22 designed and developed by ADEX, or its successor examination.

23 (ii) “ADLEX” includes a written component and a clinical  
24 component.

25 **4–306.1.**

26 (A) **A DENTIST WHO IS A FACULTY MEMBER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF**  
27 **MARYLAND SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY AND WAS TRAINED AT A FOREIGN DENTAL**  
28 **SCHOOL SHALL BE QUALIFIED BY THE BOARD TO TAKE AN EXAMINATION OFFERED**  
29 **BY ADEX, AS DEFINED IN § 4–306 OF THIS SUBTITLE, IF THE APPLICANT:**

30 (1) **COMPLETES TRAINING IN A DENTAL SPECIALTY RECOGNIZED BY**  
31 **THE BOARD;**

1           **(2) IS BOARD CERTIFIED IN A DENTAL SPECIALTY RECOGNIZED BY**  
2 **THE BOARD;**

3           **(3) AT THE TIME THE APPLICATION IS MADE, IS A FULL-TIME**  
4 **FACULTY MEMBER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY WHO**  
5 **HAS COMPLETED AT LEAST 7 CONSECUTIVE YEARS AS A FULL-TIME FACULTY**  
6 **MEMBER;**

7           **(4) SUBMITS TO THE BOARD A WRITTEN LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM**  
8 **THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY STATING THAT THE**  
9 **SCHOOL SUPPORTS THE APPLICANT TO TAKE THE ADEX EXAMINATION; AND**

10           **(5) AGREES IN WRITING TO LIMIT THE DENTIST'S PRACTICE TO THE**  
11 **SPECIALTY IN WHICH THE DENTIST IS BOARD CERTIFIED.**

12           **(B) IF THE DENTIST RECEIVES A PASSING SCORE ON THE ADEX**  
13 **EXAMINATION, THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE THE DENTIST A GENERAL LICENSE TO**  
14 **PRACTICE DENTISTRY.**

15           **(C) A DENTIST WHO WAS ISSUED A GENERAL LICENSE TO PRACTICE**  
16 **DENTISTRY UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL SURRENDER THE**  
17 **LICENSE IF THE DENTIST:**

18           **(1) PRACTICES OUTSIDE THE SPECIALTY IN WHICH THE DENTIST IS**  
19 **BOARD CERTIFIED; OR**

20           **(2) VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS TITLE OR ANY REGULATION**  
21 **ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.**

22           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 October 1, 2018.