HOUSE BILL 265

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By: Delegate Bagnall

AN ACT concerning

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(a)

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Appropriations

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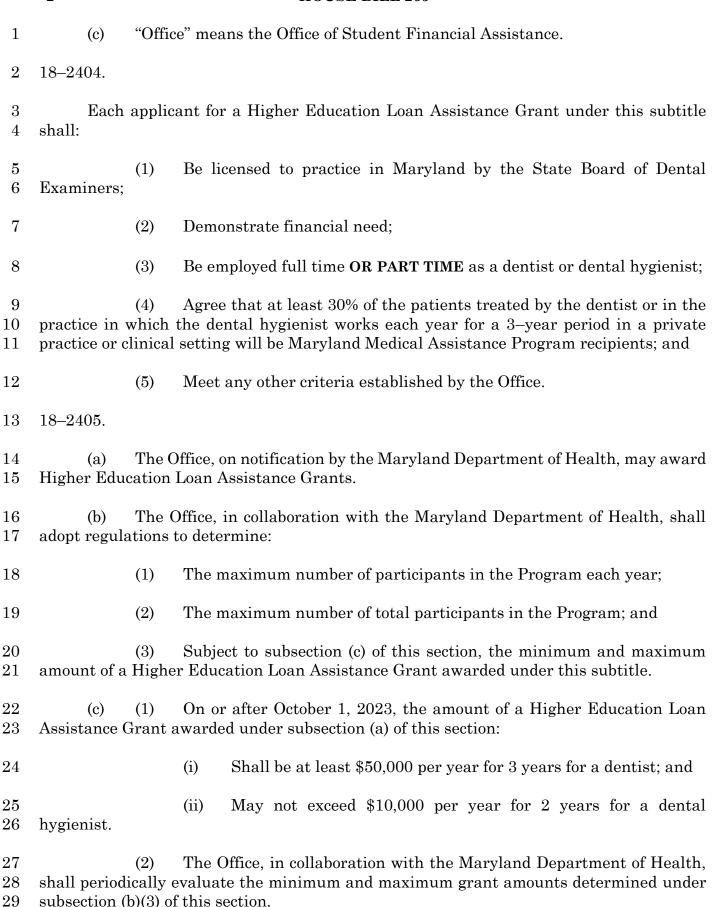
2	Dental Services – Qualification for Maryland Dent–Care Program and Study on Use of Dental Online Credentialing
4	FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility criteria for Higher Education Loan Assistance
5	Grants under the Maryland Dent–Care Program; requiring the Maryland Insurance
6	Administration to submit a report to certain committees of the General Assembly on
7	the use of online credentialing systems by dental insurance carriers; and generally
8	relating to dental services.
9	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10	Article – Education
11	Section 18–101(a) and (c)
12	Annotated Code of Maryland
13	(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
14	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15	Article – Education
16	Section 18–2404, 18–2405, and 18–2406
17	Annotated Code of Maryland
18	(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
19	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
20	That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
21	Article – Education

In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.





- 1 (3) THE OFFICE, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MARYLAND 2 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SHALL ESTABLISH PRORATED HIGHER EDUCATION 3 LOAN ASSISTANCE GRANT AMOUNTS FOR PART-TIME DENTISTS AND PART-TIME 4 DENTAL HYGIENISTS.
- 5 18-2406.
- Each recipient of a Higher Education Loan Assistance Grant under this subtitle may hold the grant for up to 3 years if the recipient:
- 8 (1) Continues to be employed full time **OR PART TIME** as a dentist or 9 dental hygienist; and
- 10 (2) Continues to treat Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients as 11 at least 30% of all patients treated:
- 12 (i) By the dentist in a private practice or clinical setting authorized 13 under the Program; or
- 14 (ii) In the private practice or clinical setting in which the dental 15 hygienist works.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1, 2025, the Maryland Insurance Administration shall:
- 18 (1) study whether dental insurance carriers are using an online 19 credentialing system, as defined in § 15–112 of the Insurance Article, to process uniform 20 credentialing forms; and
- 21 (2) report its findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance 22 Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance 23 with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, including any recommendations to expand 24 utilization of an online credentialing system to process uniform credentialing forms among 25 dental insurance carriers.
- SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.