

HOUSE BILL 573

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Dental Examiners – Expanded Function Dental Assistants –**
3 **Education and Reinstatement**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Dental Examiners to approve a certain
5 course of study for expanded function dental assistant certification; requiring that a
6 course of study for initial dental assistant certification include ~~an option for an a~~
7 certain number of hours of in-person and online ~~course of study when appropriate~~
8 instruction; requiring the Board to reinstate an expired expanded function dental
9 assistant certification only under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to
10 adopt certain regulations relating to continuing education for expanded function
11 dental assistants; and generally relating to expanded function dental assistants.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Health Occupations
14 Section 4–302.1
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18 Article – Health Occupations
19 Section 4–311.1
20 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

Article – Health Occupations

4–302.1.

(a) To qualify for a certificate to be an expanded function dental assistant, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section.

(b) The applicant must be of good moral character.

(c) The applicant must be at least 18 years old.

(d) The applicant must:

(1) Be a high school graduate or have attained a high school equivalency;

(2) Have successfully completed a course of study approved, subject to subsection (e) of this section, by the Board related to the intraoral procedure for which the applicant has applied for a certificate;

(3) Have the appropriate certification from the Dental Assisting National Board;

(4) Have passed any examination provided for in a regulation adopted by the Board; and

(5) Submit to a State criminal history records check.

(e) The Board may not approve a course of study under subsection (d)(2) of this section unless the course of study is part of:

(1) A U.S. Department of Labor Job Corps dental assisting program;

(2) A dental assisting program located within an institution of postsecondary education that is accredited by an accrediting institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education;

(3) A dental assisting program that is located within a high school and is recognized by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or the high school accrediting body of a state; [or]

(4) A dental assisting program that is accredited by the Council on Dental Accreditation, or a successor organization;

1 (5) A DENTAL ASSISTING COURSE OR PROGRAM OFFERED BY THE
 2 DALE FOUNDATION, AN AFFILIATE OF THE DENTAL ASSISTING NATIONAL BOARD,
 3 OR ANY SUCCESSOR ENTITY; OR

4 (6) AN ORTHODONTIC DENTAL ASSISTING COURSE OR PROGRAM
 5 OFFERED BY THE TRAPEZIO ORTHODONTIC ASSISTANT TRAINING SOLUTIONS, OR
 6 ANY SUCCESSOR ENTITY.

7 (F) (1) A COURSE OF STUDY FOR INITIAL CERTIFICATION UNDER THIS
 8 SECTION SHALL INCLUDE, ~~WHEN APPROPRIATE, AN OPTION FOR AN ONLINE COURSE~~
 9 ~~OF STUDY~~ AT LEAST 35 HOURS OF INSTRUCTION CONSISTING OF BOTH ONLINE AND
 10 IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION.

11 (2) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS SPECIFYING THE
 12 REQUIRED NUMBER OF HOURS FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION, ONLINE
 13 INSTRUCTION, AND CLINICAL HANDS-ON TRAINING.

14 4-311.1.

15 (A) THE BOARD SHALL REINSTATE AN EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL
 16 ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE THAT IS EXPIRED ONLY IF THE HOLDER:

17 (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, HAS COMPLETED
 18 THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS SET BY RULE AND REGULATION OF
 19 THE BOARD;

20 (2) HAS SUBMITTED A RENEWAL APPLICATION TO THE BOARD
 21 BEFORE THE DEADLINE SET BY THE BOARD; AND

22 (3) PAYS TO THE BOARD A RENEWAL FEE SET BY THE BOARD.

23 (B) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS REQUIRING CONTINUING
 24 EDUCATION, INCLUDING CLINICAL HANDS-ON TRAINING, FOR EXPANDED FUNCTION
 25 DENTAL ASSISTANTS TO:

26 ~~(1) INCLUDE AN OPTION FOR AN ONLINE COURSE OF STUDY; AND~~

27 ~~(2)~~ BE OFFERED BY:

28 ~~(1)~~ DENTAL STATE-BASED DENTAL PROFESSIONAL
 29 SOCIETIES AFFILIATED WITH NATIONAL DENTAL ORGANIZATIONS; AND

30 ~~(2)~~ ENTITIES LISTED IN § 4-302.1(E) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.