

# HOUSE BILL 723

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## ENROLLED BILL

— Health and Government Operations/Finance —

Introduced by **Delegate Kerr**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~State Board of Dental Examiners~~ Health Occupations – Authorization to  
3 Practice for Former Federal Employees and Dental Applicants Licensed or  
4 Certified in Another State

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to issue a license or  
6 certification to certain applicants licensed or certified by another state within a  
7 certain amount of time; requiring that a dental radiation technologist certified in  
8 another state be issued a certification by the State Board under certain  
9 circumstances; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop a plan for a  
10 temporary or permanent authorization to practice a health occupation in the State for  
11 certain individuals who left employment with a federal agency after a certain date;  
12 and generally relating to the ~~issuance of licenses and certifications by the State~~  
13 ~~Board of Dental Examiners to applicants licensed or certified in another state~~  
14 practice of health occupations.

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### 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.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Health Occupations  
Section 4–306  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Health Occupations  
Section 4–505  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Health Occupations  
Section 4–505.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(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**

4–306.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) (1) A dentist licensed in any other state shall be issued a license in this  
State if the applicant:

(i) 1. Has passed the ADLEX; and

1                                   2.     Has passed the Maryland Dental Jurisprudence  
2 Examination given by the Board or its designee; or

3                                   (ii)   1.     For the 5 preceding years, has been actively engaged in  
4 practicing dentistry for at least 850 hours on average per year;

5                                   2.     Has passed an examination with a clinical component as a  
6 requirement for licensure in another state;

7                                   3.     Has passed a comprehensive written examination on  
8 applied clinical diagnosis and treatment planning administered by ADEX; and

9                                   4.     Has passed the Maryland Dental Jurisprudence  
10 Examination given by the Board or its designee.

11                               (2)   A dental hygienist licensed in any other state shall be issued a license  
12 in this State if the applicant:

13                               (i)   1.     Has passed the ADHLEX; and

14                                   2.     Has passed the Maryland Dental Hygiene Jurisprudence  
15 Examination given by the Board or its designee; or

16                               (ii)   1.     For the 3 preceding years, has been actively engaged in  
17 practicing dental hygiene for at least 150 hours on average per year;

18                                   2.     Has passed an examination with a clinical component as a  
19 requirement for licensure in another state;

20                                   3.     Has passed a comprehensive written examination on  
21 applied clinical diagnosis and treatment planning administered by ADEX; and

22                                   4.     Has passed the Maryland Dental Hygiene Jurisprudence  
23 Examination given by the Board or its designee.

24                   (c)   (1)   The Board may adopt regulations for the content and administration of  
25 examinations and any other regulations necessary to provide for the licensure of  
26 individuals who apply for a license to practice dentistry under subsection (b)(1) of this  
27 section.

28                   (2)   The Board may adopt regulations for the content and administration of  
29 examinations and any other regulations necessary to provide for the licensure of  
30 individuals who apply for a license to practice dental hygiene under subsection (b)(2) of this  
31 section.

32                   (d)   An applicant for a general license to practice dentistry under this section shall:

1           (1)     Pay the application fee required by § 4–304 of this subtitle; and

2           (2)     Provide adequate evidence that the applicant:

3                   (i)     Meets the qualifications otherwise required by this title for a  
4 general license to practice dentistry;

5                   (ii)    Holds a license to practice dentistry in another state;

6                   (iii)  Has satisfied the examination requirements provided in  
7 subsection (b)(1) of this section;

8                   (iv)   Is not being investigated by a disciplinary authority of another  
9 state, does not have charges pending against the applicant's license, and has not been  
10 disciplined by a disciplinary or licensing authority of any other state or country, or been  
11 convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country for an act that would be grounds  
12 for disciplinary action under § 4–315 of this subtitle; and

13                  (v)     Has not previously failed an examination for licensure as a  
14 dentist in this State.

15       (e)     An applicant for a general license to practice dental hygiene under this section  
16 shall:

17           (1)     Pay the application fee required by § 4–304 of this subtitle; and

18           (2)     Provide adequate evidence that the applicant:

19                   (i)     Meets the qualifications otherwise required by this title for a  
20 general license to practice dental hygiene;

21                   (ii)    Holds a license to practice dental hygiene in another state;

22                   (iii)  Has satisfied the examination requirements provided in  
23 subsection (b)(2) of this section;

24                   (iv)   Is not being investigated by a disciplinary authority of another  
25 state, does not have charges pending against the applicant's license, and has not been  
26 disciplined by a disciplinary or licensing authority of any other state or country, or been  
27 convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country for an act that would be grounds  
28 for disciplinary action under § 4–315 of this subtitle; and

29                  (v)     Has not previously failed an examination for licensure as a  
30 dental hygienist in this State.

1           **(F) IF AN APPLICANT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE UNDER**  
2 **THIS SECTION, THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE THE LICENSE WITHIN 15 BUSINESS DAYS**  
3 **AFTER RECEIVING THE COMPLETED APPLICATION.**

4 4–505.

5           (a) The Board of Dental Examiners shall:

6                   (1) Define, for the purpose of this section, the terms “dental radiation  
7 technologist” and “practice dental radiation technology”;

8                   (2) Adopt rules and regulations concerning qualifications, training,  
9 certification, monitoring of, and enforcement requirements for a dental radiation  
10 technologist; and

11                  (3) Provide for a requirement to ensure competency in new safety and  
12 technological advances.

13           (b) The qualifications required of applicants for Board certification as a dental  
14 radiation technologist shall include requirements established by:

15                   (1) The American Dental Association; or

16                   (2) Any applicable federal standards for training and certification.

17           (c) After July 1, 1988, an individual must be certified by the Board as a dental  
18 radiation technologist before a licensed dentist may employ the individual to practice  
19 dental radiation technology.

20           (d) After July 1, 1988, an individual may not practice dental radiation technology  
21 unless certified by the Board.

22           (e) At least 1 month before a certificate expires, the Board shall send to each  
23 certificate holder, by electronic means or first-class mail to the last known electronic or  
24 physical address of the certificate holder, a renewal notice that states:

25                   (1) The date on which the current certificate expires;

26                   (2) The date by which the renewal application must be received by the  
27 Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the certificate expires; and

28                   (3) The amount of the renewal fee.

29           (f) An individual may be simultaneously certified as a dental radiation  
30 technologist under this section and as an expanded function dental assistant.

1 **4-505.1.**

2 (A) A DENTAL RADIATION TECHNOLOGIST AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE IN  
3 ANOTHER STATE SHALL BE ISSUED A CERTIFICATE IN THIS STATE IF THE  
4 APPLICANT:

5 (1) PAYS THE APPLICATION FEE REQUIRED BY THE BOARD; AND

6 (2) PROVIDES ADEQUATE EVIDENCE THAT THE APPLICANT:

7 (I) MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS OTHERWISE REQUIRED  
8 UNDER THIS TITLE FOR A CERTIFICATION TO PRACTICE DENTAL RADIATION  
9 TECHNOLOGY;

10 (II) HAS SATISFIED THE EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT FOR  
11 CERTIFICATION OF ANOTHER STATE THAT THE BOARD DETERMINES IS  
12 COMPARABLE TO THE EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT IN THIS STATE;

13 (III) IS NOT BEING INVESTIGATED BY A DISCIPLINARY  
14 AUTHORITY OF ANOTHER STATE, DOES NOT HAVE CHARGES PENDING AGAINST THE  
15 APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION, AND HAS NOT BEEN DISCIPLINED BY A DISCIPLINARY  
16 OR CERTIFYING AUTHORITY OF ANOTHER STATE OR COUNTRY, OR BEEN CONVICTED  
17 OR DISCIPLINED BY A COURT OF ANY STATE OR COUNTRY FOR AN ACT THAT WOULD  
18 BE GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION UNDER § 4-315 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

19 (IV) HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY FAILED AN EXAMINATION FOR  
20 CERTIFICATION AS A DENTAL RADIATION TECHNOLOGIST IN THIS STATE.

21 (B) IF AN APPLICANT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION  
22 UNDER THIS SECTION, THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE THE CERTIFICATE WITHIN 15  
23 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE COMPLETED APPLICATION.

24 (C) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT ANY REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE  
25 FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATION TO  
26 PRACTICE DENTAL RADIATION THERAPY UNDER THIS SECTION.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

28 (a) The Maryland Department of Health shall develop a plan for a temporary or  
29 permanent authorization to practice a health occupation in the State for individuals who:

30 (1) are not licensed or otherwise authorized to practice the health occupation  
31 in the State;

1           (2)    hold a license or other authorization issued by another state that is  
2 equivalent to the license or other authorization required to practice the health occupation in  
3 this State; and

4           (3)    left employment with a federal agency after January 20, 2025.

5           (b)    On or before October 1, 2025, the Department shall submit the plan, including  
6 any necessary statutory changes, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health  
7 and Government Operations Committee in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State  
8 Government Article.

9           SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall  
10 take effect October 1, 2025.

11           SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section  
12 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.