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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE LABOR AND  
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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 126 (L&C)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to licensure of dentists."

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 \* Section 1. AS 08.36.160 is amended by adding a new subsection to  
9 read:

10 (e) A passing score on a clinical examination given by the  
11 Western Regional Examining Board within the five years preceding  
12 licensure application under this chapter constitutes a passing score  
13 on a clinical examination required under this chapter. The board may  
14 accept a passing score on a clinical examination given by the Western  
15 Regional Examining Board more than five years preceding licensure  
16 application if the examination was taken on or after January 1, 1987.

17 \* Sec. 2. AS 08.36.234 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 08.36.234. LICENSURE BY CREDENTIALS. The board shall [MAY]  
19 provide for the licensing without examination, except as provided in  
20 (10) of this section, of a dentist who

21 (1) is a graduate of a dental college accredited by the  
22 Commission on Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or its  
23 successor agency, and holds a certificate from the American Dental  
24 Association Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations that the  
25 dentist has passed the written examination given by the commission;

26 (2) has been licensed to practice dentistry in another  
27 state, territory, or region of the United States with licensing re-  
28 quirements at least equivalent in scope, quality and difficulty to  
29 those of this state at the time of licensure;

1           (3) is endorsed by the licensing entity in the jurisdiction  
2 where the dentist is currently licensed; if the dentist is employed by  
3 the federal government, the dentist must be endorsed by the employing  
4 federal agency;

5           (4) has been engaged in continuous active clinical practice  
6 averaging at least 20 hours per week for each of the five years imme-  
7 diately preceding the application;

8           (5) [(4)] is not the subject of an unresolved complaint,  
9 review procedure, or disciplinary proceeding undertaken by a dental  
10 licensing jurisdiction;

11           (6) [(5)] has not previously had a license to practice  
12 dentistry suspended for grounds similar to those specified under  
13 AS 08.36.315, or revoked;

14           (7) [(6)] has not failed the clinical examination of this  
15 state;

16           (8) submits to the board documentation that the dentist has  
17 completed at least 50 hours of continuing education related to clin-  
18 ical dentistry in the three years preceding application for a license  
19 in this state; the continuing education must have been approved by the  
20 American Dental Association, the Academy of General Dentistry, or the  
21 appropriate specialty board;

22           (9) provides proof of current certification in cardiopulmo-  
23 nary resuscitation techniques;

24           (10) has passed, to the satisfaction of the board, the part  
25 of the written examination given under AS 08.36.160 that pertains to  
26 the state's laws on the practice of dentistry; the board may not  
27 require a higher passing score for applicants under this section than  
28 the board requires for applicants under AS 08.36.110;

29           (11) [(7)] is personally interviewed by the board;

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1                    (12) [(8)] pays all required fees.