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1 IN THE SENATE
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 126 (L&C) am(fld S)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 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, law enforcement agency, or other governmental
11 agency;

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

15 (7) [(6)] has not failed the clinical examination of this
16 state or, within the previous three years, failed the clinical
17 examination given by the Western Regional Examining Board;

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

24 (9) provides proof of current certification in cardiopulmo-
25 nary resuscitation techniques;

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

1 the board requires for applicants under AS 08.36.110;

2 (11) [(7)] is personally interviewed by the board;

3 (12) [(8)] pays all required fees;

4 (13) is not the subject of an adverse report from the
5 National Practitioner Data Bank or the American Association of Dental
6 Examiners Clearinghouse for Disciplinary Information that relates to
7 criminal or fraudulent activity;

8 (14) is not the subject of an adverse peer review report from
9 a state or local dental society in any other state.