

HOUSE BILL NO. 247

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 4/2/91

Referred: Health, Education & Social Services, Labor & Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to licensure of dentists."

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

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

4 (e) A passing score on a clinical examination given by the Western Regional Examining  
5 Board within the five years preceding licensure application under this chapter constitutes a  
6 passing score on a clinical examination required under this chapter. The board may accept a  
7 passing score on a clinical examination given by the Western Regional Examining Board more  
8 than five years preceding licensure application if the examination was taken on or after January 1,  
9 1987.

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

11 Sec. 08.36.234. LICENSURE BY CREDENTIALS. The board shall [MAY] provide for  
12 the licensing without examination, except as provided in (10) and (11) of this section, of a  
13 dentist who

14 (1) provides certification to the board that the dentist is a graduate of a dental

1 school [COLLEGE] accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Dental  
2 Association, or its successor agency, and holds a certificate from the American Dental  
3 Association Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations that the dentist has passed the  
4 written examination given by the commission;

5 (2) provides certification to the board that the dentist has been licensed to  
6 practice dentistry in another state, territory, or region of the United States with licensing  
7 requirements at least equivalent [IN SCOPE, QUALITY AND DIFFICULTY] to those of this  
8 state at the time of licensure;

9 (3) provides certification to the board that the dentist is endorsed by the  
10 licensing entity in the jurisdiction where the dentist is currently licensed and in all  
11 jurisdictions in which the dentist was previously licensed; if the dentist is employed by the  
12 federal government, the dentist must be endorsed by the employing federal agency;

13 (4) has been engaged in continuous active clinical practice averaging at least 20  
14 hours per week for each of the five years immediately preceding the application in a jurisdiction  
15 for which the dentist was endorsed;

16 (5) provides certification to the board that the dentist [(4)] is not the subject  
17 of an unresolved complaint, investigation, review procedure, or disciplinary proceeding  
18 undertaken by a dental licensing jurisdiction or agency, law enforcement agency, or other  
19 governmental agency;

20 (6) provides certification to the board that the dentist [(5)] has not previously  
21 had a license to practice dentistry suspended for grounds similar to those specified under  
22 AS 08.36.315, revoked, or voluntarily surrendered;

23 (7) provides certification to the board that the dentist [(6)] has not failed the  
24 clinical examination of this state or, within the previous three years, failed the clinical  
25 examination given by the Western Regional Examining Board;

26 (8) submits to the board documentation that the dentist has completed at  
27 least 50 hours of continuing education related to clinical dentistry in the three years  
28 preceding application for a license in this state; the continuing education must have been  
29 approved by the American Dental Association, the Academy of General Dentistry, or the  
30 appropriate specialty board;

31 (9) provides proof of current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation

1 **techniques:**

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

6 **(11) [(7)] is personally interviewed by the board for purposes of verifying the**  
7 **dentist to be clinically and professionally competent by discussion and review of recent**  
8 **patient case reports and oral defense of diagnosis and treatment plans;**

9 **(12) [(8)] pays all required fees;**

10 **(13) provides certification to the board that the dentist is not the subject of**  
11 **an adverse report from the National Practitioner Data Bank or the American Association**  
12 **of Dental Examiners Clearinghouse for Disciplinary Information that relates to criminal or**  
13 **fraudulent activity;**

14 **(14) provides certification to the board that the dentist is not the subject of**  
15 **an adverse peer review report from a state, territory, or local dental society in any other**  
16 **state or territory;**

17 **(15) provides the board with an affidavit that the dentist is not an impaired**  
18 **practitioner;**

19 **(16) provides to the board an authorization for release of records in a form**  
20 **prescribed by the board.**

21 \* Sec. 3. AS 08.36.234 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

22 (b) A dentist applying for licensure by credentials is responsible for providing to the  
23 board all materials required by this section or by the board to implement this section to establish  
24 eligibility for a license without examination. A license issued based upon credentials may be  
25 revoked by the board upon evidence of misinformation or substantial omission.

26 (c) The board shall adopt regulations necessary to implement this section including

27 (1) the form and manner of certification of qualifications under this section; and

28 (2) a requirement that certification of education, licensing, law enforcement and  
29 disciplinary proceedings, and examination be provided directly to the board by the appropriate  
30 institution, jurisdiction, or agency.