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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, February 19, 1969

Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent down for concurrence and 1,000 ordered printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Stuart of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Revising the Laws Relating to the Practice of Dentistry.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows :

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 32, § 1082, repealed and replaced. Section 1082 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 80 of chapter 544 of the public laws of 1967, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

§ 1082. Qualifications

Before receiving a certificate to practice dentistry in this State, a person shall be at least 21 years of age, of good moral character and shall be a graduate of or have a diploma from an acceptable dental college, school or dental department of a university approved by the board.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 32, § 1083, amended. The 5th and 6th sentences of section 1083 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 80 of chapter 544 of the public laws of 1967, are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

The board may at its discretion recognize the results of any examination given by the National Board of Dental Examiners or any accredited clinical testing agency approved by the board in lieu of or in addition to such examination or examinations as it may require. The board may require as part of the examination a clinical demonstration of the candidate's skill in dentistry.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 32, § 1085, amended. Section 1085 of Title 32 of the Revised Statute, as enacted by section 80 of chapter 544 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows :

§ 1085. Endorsement; fees

The board is authorized, at its discretion, without the examination as provided, to issue its certificate to any applicant therefor who shall furnish proof, satisfactory to the board, that he has been duly licensed to practice dentistry in another state after full compliance with the requirements of its dental laws. If licensed to practice dentistry in said other state after the first day of January, 1913, his professional education shall not be less than is required in this State, and such applicant shall have been at least 5 years in actual practice in the state in which said license was granted. ~~No license shall be issued under this section unless the state, territory or district from which the applicant comes shall accord equal rights to dentists of Maine holding a license from the Maine Board of Dental Examiners.~~ Every license so given shall state upon its face the grounds upon which it is granted, and the applicant may be required to furnish his proof upon affidavit. The fee for such license shall be \$50.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 32, § 1086, amended. Section 1086 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 80 of chapter 544 of the public laws of 1967, is amended by adding at the end, 2 new paragraphs, as follows:

The board shall have authority, upon presentation of satisfactory proof of academic affiliation and good academic standing, to issue a permit to a bona fide dental student of a school or university acceptable to the board, after the completion of his 3rd year of training, to perform limited dental service commensurate with his level of training under the supervision and control of a licensed dentist or a teaching school in institutional and public health service programs within the State. The board shall prior to the issuance of such a dental student permit, determine that the supervision and control of the service performed by the student is not only adequate but that the rendering of these dental services will add to the student's knowledge and skill in his profession. The permit shall be issued for a fixed period of time and may be renewed or revoked by the board at its discretion.

Specialists in particular fields of dentistry practicing outside of the State, in the discretion of the State Board of Dental Examiners, may be issued a permit to practice within the State of Maine for a period not to exceed 6 months.

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 32, § 1096, repealed and replaced. Section 1096 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 80 of chapter 544 of the public laws of 1967, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 1096. Qualifications

Before receiving a certificate for the practice of dental hygiene, a person shall be of good moral character, over 19 years of age and have successfully completed 2 years training in a school of dental hygiene that is approved by the Board of Dental Examiners.