

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2365

S.P. 913 In Senate, February 26, 1988
Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative
Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation
suggested and ordered printed.
JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KANY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative JOSEPH of Waterville,
Senator WEBSTER of Franklin, Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT

1 RESOLVE, Relating to the Licensure of
2 Foreign-Trained Dentists and the Creation of
3 Specialties within the Dental
4 Profession.
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6 Study of licensing foreign-trained dentists.
7 Resolved: That the Board of Dental Examiners, as
8 established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5,
9 section 12004, subsection 1, shall commence a study to

1 determine the most equitable and efficient means of
2 licensing foreign-trained dentists who seek to
3 practice dentistry in this State. For purposes of
4 this resolve, "foreign-trained dentist" means any
5 person who otherwise meets the requirements of Title
6 32, section 1082, and is a graduate of, or has a
7 diploma from a dental college, school or dental
8 department of a university that is not located in the
9 United States or Canada. This study shall address,
10 but is not limited to, the following areas:

11 1. Application and fees. Appropriate procedures
12 to be followed;

13 2. Education. Graduation from an acceptable
14 foreign dental college, school or dental department of
15 a university, including the following:

16 A. Whether the foreign dental college has been
17 authorized and incorporated by its charter to
18 confer an appropriate degree of dental medicine,
19 surgery or science and whether that degree confers
20 the full right to practice dentistry in that
21 country;

22 B. Whether the foreign dental college has a
23 competent faculty and delivers a comprehensive
24 course of instruction, including lectures and
25 clinical and laboratory exercises in all subjects
26 of modern dentistry;

27 C. The requisite number of years of study; and

28 D. Accreditation by the American Dental
29 Association or other authority recognized by the
30 board;

31 3. Experience. Whether the candidate must have
32 conducted the practice of dentistry in a foreign
33 country for some duration preceding application to
34 practice in this State;

35 4. Examination. Appropriate examination and
36 reexamination in both theoretical and clinical areas,
37 including restorative techniques;

1 5. Age. The requisite age for foreign-trained
2 dentists seeking to practice dentistry in this State;

3 6. Citizenship or immigration status. Whether
4 the candidate must be a United States citizen, an
5 alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the
6 United States or provide some other declaration of
7 intention to become a citizen;

8 7. Character. Good moral character; and

9 8. Fees. Requisite fees; and be it further

10 Study of specialities within the dental
11 profession. Resolved: That the Board of Dental
12 Examiners shall further study the feasibility of
13 establishing one or more specialties within the dental
14 profession and of licensing dentists who are qualified
15 to practice dentistry within this State as specialists
16 within one or more fields of dentistry. The study
17 shall address, but is not limited to, additional
18 educational, experiential and examination requirements
19 for such specialties; and be it further

20 Report. Resolved: That the board submit its
21 report, together with any necessary implementing
22 legislation, to the First Regular Session of the 114th
23 Legislature by November 1, 1988.

24 STATEMENT OF FACT

25 Unlike foreign-trained physicians, foreign-trained
26 dentists are being denied licensure in Maine. This
27 resolve authorizes the Board of Dental Examiners to
28 study the most equitable and efficient means of
29 allowing foreign-trained dentists to practice
30 dentistry in this State. This resolve also authorizes
31 the board to study the feasibility of licensing
32 dentists who are qualified to practice in this State
33 as specialists within one or more fields of
34 dentistry. The board is to submit its report to the
35 Legislature, together with any implementing
36 legislation, by November 1, 1988.

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