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House of Representatives, March 7, 2007

An Act To Increase Access to Oral Health Care

Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and
Representatives: BOLAND of Sanford, CLARK of Millinocket, FINLEY of Skowhegan,
MILLER of Somerville, PERRY of Calais, ROSEN of Bucksport, SAVIELLO of Wilton,
Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1082**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §64, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **§1082. Qualifications**

5 Before receiving a license to practice dentistry in this State, a person must be at least
6 18 years of age and must be a graduate of or have a diploma from a dental college, school
7 or dental department of a university accredited by an agency approved by the board or be
8 a graduate of a foreign university considered satisfactory to the board.

9 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1085**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 45, §2, is further amended to
10 read:

11 **§1085. Endorsement; fees**

12 The board is authorized, at its discretion, without the examination as provided, to
13 issue a license to an applicant who furnishes proof, satisfactory to the board, that the
14 applicant has been licensed for at least 3 years to practice dentistry in another state or a
15 Canadian province after full compliance with the requirements of its dental laws. ~~If an~~
16 ~~applicant is licensed to practice dentistry in another state or a Canadian province, that~~
17 ~~applicant's professional education may not be less than is required in this State and the~~
18 ~~applicant must have been at least 3 years in actual practice in the state or Canadian~~
19 ~~province in which the license was granted.~~ Applicants for licensure by endorsement who
20 meet the requirements of this section must be interviewed in person by the board or
21 members of the board, prior to being issued a license. The personal interview may be
22 waived at the board's discretion based upon proof of overseas military deployment;
23 however, the applicant shall submit to an interview by telephone or the equivalent as
24 determined by the board. Every license of this type issued by the board must state upon
25 its face the grounds upon which it is issued and the applicant may be required to furnish
26 proof upon affidavit. The fee for the license is determined by the board, but may not be
27 more than \$550.

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill expands the requirements for receiving a license to practice dentistry in this
30 State to allow graduation from a foreign university considered satisfactory to the Board of
31 Dental Examiners and removes the requirement that applicants for licensure by
32 endorsement that are licensed to practice in another state meet the State's professional
33 education requirements.