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An Act To Modify the Qualifications for Resident Dentist Licensure

(EMERGENCY)

Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on January 11, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** immediate enactment of this legislation regarding resident dentist licensure
4 is necessary to timely give the Board of Dental Practice statutory authority to consider
5 educational equivalency in an applicant's meeting educational qualifications for licensure,
6 to remove unnecessary examinations for licensure and to allow the board to grant a license
7 to a qualified dentist to obtain supervised, clinical experience in Maine while enrolled in a
8 dental residency program; and

9 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
10 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
11 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
12 therefore,

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

14 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §18342, sub-§6, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is
15 amended to read:

16 A. Verification of a doctoral degree in dentistry from a dental school accredited by the
17 American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or its successor
18 organization or the educational equivalent of a doctoral degree in dentistry as required
19 by board rule;

20 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §18342, sub-§6, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is
21 amended to read:

22 B. Verification of passing ~~all examinations~~ a jurisprudence examination as required
23 by board rule;

24 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §18371, sub-§2, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is
25 amended to read:

26 E. An individual with a resident dentist license may provide dental services only under
27 the supervision of the sponsoring dentist in a board-approved setting and in accordance
28 with the level of supervision and control for which the license was issued by the board.

29 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
30 takes effect when approved.

31 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill authorizes the Board of Dental Practice to consider the educational equivalent
33 of a doctoral degree in dentistry in determining the educational qualifications of an
34 applicant for a resident dentist license who graduated from a dental program that was not
35 accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation.

36 It requires an applicant for a resident dentist license to pass only a jurisprudence
37 examination.

38 It adds to the requirements governing the provision of dental services by a dental
39 resident a requirement that they be provided in a board-approved setting.