

House Bill 3096

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

SUMMARY

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Modifies requirements for licensure as dentist.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to licensure of denturists; amending ORS 680.510, 680.515 and 680.527.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 680.510 is amended to read:

680.510. The prohibitions of ORS 680.500 to 680.570 do not apply to:

(1) Any activity described in ORS 680.500 (4)(a) by a person acting under the supervision of a dentist.

(2) The practice of dentistry or medicine by persons authorized to do so by this state, or any other practices allowed under ORS chapters 677 and 679.

(3) A student of denture technology in pursuit of clinical studies under an approved school program, or a person having met the formal educational requirements, who is operating, for no more than two years, under the direct supervision of a dentist or a licensed dentist in pursuit of practical clinical experience as required for licensure by ORS 680.515 [(1)(a) or (b)].

SECTION 2. ORS 680.515 is amended to read:

680.515. (1) **Subject to the provisions of ORS 676.612**, upon application[, and] **accompanied by** payment of required fees, the Oregon Health Licensing Agency shall issue a license to practice denture technology to any applicant who **submits proof satisfactory to the agency that the applicant has completed all requirements for licensure, which include, but are not limited to:**

(a) [*Furnishes satisfactory evidence that the applicant has successfully completed*] **Providing to the agency official transcripts verifying completion of** an associate degree program in denture technology, or the equivalent in formal, post-secondary education, approved by the agency in consultation with the Oregon Student Assistance Commission and the Department of Education. The educational program shall include pertinent courses in anatomy, including histology, microbiology, physiology, pharmacology, pathology emphasizing periodontology, dental materials, medical emergencies, geriatrics, professional ethics, clinical denture technology and denture laboratory technology;

(b) [*Furnishes satisfactory evidence that the applicant has successfully completed, during or after post-secondary study, a minimum of 1,000 hours in the practice of denture technology under direct supervision of an approved school or has completed the equivalent supervised experience,*] **Providing to the agency documentation of 1,000 hours of supervised clinical practice in denture technology, completed while enrolled in or after having completed a course of study offered in a post-secondary educational institution, or through equivalent supervised experience,** as de-

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 terminated by the agency in consultation with the Oregon Student Assistance Commission and the
 2 Department of Education; and

3 (c) *[Performs to the satisfaction of the agency on]* **Passing** a written and a practical examination
 4 prescribed, recognized or approved by the State Board of Denture Technology *[and given at least*
 5 *annually]*. An applicant who fails the practical examination must complete additional hours of clin-
 6 ical and laboratory training in an approved work experience program, as determined by the board,
 7 to qualify for reexamination.

8 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1)(a) of this section, the board may accept educational training
 9 obtained in any other state or country if, upon review of satisfactory evidence, the agency deter-
 10 mines that the educational program in the other state or country meets the educational standards
 11 prescribed under this section.

12 **SECTION 3.** ORS 680.527 is amended to read:

13 680.527. The Oregon Health Licensing Agency may issue a license to practice denture technol-
 14 ogy, without examination, to any person who:

15 (1) Submits an application and pays the fees required under ORS 680.525;

16 (2) Has satisfied the educational requirements established by ORS 680.515 *[(1)]*;

17 (3) *[On the date of submitting the application]* Is a dentist licensed under the laws of any other
 18 state, **the District of Columbia, Canada** or a territory of the United States, *[if]* **and** the *[require-*
 19 *ments]* **standards** for licensing of denturists in the *[other state or territory are not less than those*
 20 *required in]* **licensing jurisdiction are determined by the agency to be substantially equivalent**
 21 **to those of** ORS 680.500 to 680.570; *[and the applicant]*

22 (4) Has passed a written and practical examination that *[is]* **the agency determines to be**
 23 substantially *[similar]* **equivalent** to the examination required for licensure in this state; and

24 *[(4)]* (5) Has engaged in the **full-time** active practice of denture technology *[for no fewer than*
 25 *3,500 hours in the five years]* **as a licensed dentist in another jurisdiction for a minimum of**
 26 **two years** immediately preceding the date of application for licensure under this section.

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