

B-Engrossed
Senate Bill 824

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dated May 30

Sponsored by Senator GIROD; Representatives HAYDEN, KENY-GUYER (at the request of Oregon Dental Association)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Allows Oregon Board of Dentistry to accept results of national standardized examinations under specified circumstances when determining fitness of applicant to practice dentistry **or dental hygiene**. Requires board to accept results from regional and national testing agencies for laboratory and clinical examinations under specified circumstances. Requires board, for certain applicants for licensure, to accept results of clinical board examinations from regional and national testing agencies.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to dental licensure examinations; creating new provisions; amending ORS 679.070 and
3 680.060; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 679.070 is amended to read:

6 679.070. (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may administer written, laboratory or clinical ex-
7 aminations to test professional knowledge and skills.

8 (2) The examination *[shall]* **must** be elementary and practical in character but sufficiently
9 thorough to test the fitness of the applicant to practice dentistry. It *[shall]* **must** include, written
10 in the English language, questions on any subjects pertaining to dental science. *[The written exam-*
11 *ination may be supplemented by oral examination. Demonstrations of the applicant's skill in operative*
12 *and prosthetic dentistry also may be required.]*

13 *[(3) The board may accept the results of national standardized examinations in satisfaction of the*
14 *written examination as authorized by this section, and shall accept the results of regional testing*
15 *agencies or of clinical board examinations administered by other states in satisfaction of the laboratory*
16 *or clinical examination authorized under this section, provided:]*

17 *[(a) The test or examination was taken within five years of the date of application; and]*

18 *[(b) The applicant received a passing score on the test or examination as established by the board*
19 *by rule.]*

20 *[(4) The board shall accept the results of regional testing agencies or of clinical board examinations*
21 *administered by other states in satisfaction of the examinations authorized under this section for ap-*
22 *licants who have engaged in the active practice of dentistry in other states, in Oregon or in the Armed*
23 *Forces of the United States, the United States Public Health Service or the United States Department*
24 *of Veterans Affairs for at least 3,500 hours in the five years immediately preceding application and*

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 *who meet all other requirements for licensure.]*

2 **(3) If a test or examination was taken within five years of the date of application and the**
3 **applicant received a passing score on the test or examination, as established by the board**
4 **by rule, the board:**

5 **(a) To satisfy the written examination authorized under this section, may accept the re-**
6 **sults of national standardized examinations.**

7 **(b) To satisfy the laboratory or clinical examination authorized under this section:**

8 **(A) Shall accept the results of regional and national testing agencies or clinical board**
9 **examinations administered by other states; and**

10 **(B) May accept the results of board-recognized testing agencies.**

11 **(4) The board shall accept the results of regional and national testing agencies or of**
12 **clinical board examinations administered by other states, and may accept results of board-**
13 **recognized testing agencies, in satisfaction of the examinations authorized under this section**
14 **for applicants who have engaged in the active practice of dentistry in other states, in Oregon**
15 **or in the Armed Forces of the United States, the United States Public Health Service or the**
16 **United States Department of Veterans Affairs for at least 3,500 hours in the five years im-**
17 **mediately preceding application and who meet all other requirements for licensure.**

18 **SECTION 2.** ORS 680.060 is amended to read:

19 680.060. (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may administer written, laboratory or clinical ex-
20 aminations to test professional knowledge and skills.

21 (2) The examination [*shall*] **must** be sufficiently thorough to test the fitness of the applicant to
22 practice dental hygiene. [*It shall*] **The examination must** include, written in the English language,
23 questions on any subjects pertaining to dental hygiene. [*The written examination may be supple-*
24 *mented by oral examination. Demonstrations of the applicant's skill in clinical dental hygiene also*
25 *may be required.*]

26 [(3) *The board may accept the results of national standardized examinations in satisfaction of the*
27 *written examination as authorized by this section, and shall accept the results of regional testing*
28 *agencies or of clinical board examinations administered by other states in satisfaction of the clinical*
29 *examination authorized under this section, provided:*]

30 [(a) *The test or examination was taken within five years of the date of application; and*]

31 [(b) *The applicant received a passing score on the test or examination as established by the board*
32 *by rule.*]

33 **(3) If a test or examination was taken within five years of the date of application and the**
34 **applicant received a passing score on the test or examination, as established by the board**
35 **by rule, the board:**

36 **(a) To satisfy the written examination authorized under this section, may accept the re-**
37 **sults of national standardized examinations.**

38 **(b) To satisfy the clinical or laboratory examination authorized under this section:**

39 **(A) Shall accept the results of regional and national testing agencies or clinical board**
40 **examinations administered by other states; and**

41 **(B) May accept the results of board-recognized testing agencies.**

42 **(4) The board may accept results of board-recognized testing agencies and shall accept the**
43 **results of regional and national testing agencies or of clinical board examinations administered by**
44 **other states in satisfaction of the examinations authorized under this section for applicants who**
45 **have engaged in the active practice of dental hygiene in Oregon, other states, the Armed Forces of**

1 the United States, the United States Public Health Service or the United States Department of
2 Veterans Affairs for a period of at least 3,500 hours in the five years immediately preceding appli-
3 cation and who meet all other requirements for licensure.

4 **SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 679.070 and 680.060 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2019**
5 **Act apply to applications for licensure submitted on or after the operative date specified in**
6 **section 4 of this 2019 Act.**

7 **SECTION 4. (1) The amendments to ORS 679.070 and 680.060 by sections 1 and 2 of this**
8 **2019 Act become operative on January 1, 2020.**

9 **(2) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may take any action before the operative date speci-**
10 **fied in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the board to exercise, on and**
11 **after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions**
12 **and powers conferred on the board by the amendments to ORS 679.070 and 680.060 by sections**
13 **1 and 2 of this 2019 Act.**

14 **SECTION 5. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
15 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**
16 **on its passage.**

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