

Senate Bill 824

Sponsored by Senator GIROD (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 **as introduced**.

Requires Oregon Board of Dentistry to accept examination results of applicant's fitness to practice dentistry from board-recognized testing agencies. Removes requirement that board accept results from regional 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 de-
3 claring 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 opera-
12 tive 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*] **board-**
15 **recognized** testing agencies or of clinical board examinations administered by other states in sat-
16 isfaction of the laboratory 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
19 board by rule.

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

26 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 679.070 by section 1 of this 2019 Act apply to ap-**
27 **lications for licensure submitted on or after the operative date specified in section 3 of this**
28 **2019 Act.**

29 **SECTION 3. (1) The amendments to ORS 679.070 by section 1 of this 2019 Act become**
30 **operative on January 1, 2020.**

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.

