

House Bill 3223

Sponsored by Representatives PHAM H, JAVADI

SUMMARY

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Prohibits Oregon Board of Dentistry from requiring applicant for certification as dental assistant to pass written examination. Requires board to adopt rules to establish alternative pathways to certification.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to dental assistants; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 679.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) In adopting rules related to the requirements for certification as a dental**
6 **assistant, including any level of expanded function dental assistant, the Oregon Board of**
7 **Dentistry may not require an applicant for certification to pass a written examination.**

8 **(2) The board shall by rule establish alternative pathways to certification as any level of**
9 **dental assistant. The pathways must include, but are not limited to, the completion of at**
10 **least the following procedures within the five years immediately preceding the date of appli-**
11 **cation:**

12 **(a) For certification as an expanded function dental assistant:**

13 **(A) Polish amalgam or composite surfaces;**

14 **(B) Remove supragingival excess cement from crowns or fixed partial dentures using**
15 **hand instruments;**

16 **(C) Place temporary restorative material in teeth;**

17 **(D) Preliminarily fit crowns to check contact or adjust occlusion outside the oral cavity;**

18 **(E) Remove temporary crowns and clean teeth for final cementation;**

19 **(F) Fabricate and cement temporary crowns or fixed partial dentures;**

20 **(G) Polish coronal surfaces of teeth with a brush or rubber cup as part of oral**
21 **prophylaxis; and**

22 **(H) Place matrix bands on teeth prepared for Class II restorations;**

23 **(b) For certification as an expanded function orthodontic dental assistant:**

24 **(A) Place and ligate orthodontic wires on a patient; and**

25 **(B) Remove bands or brackets and remaining adhesive on teeth by using an ultrasonic**
26 **hand scaler or slow-speed handpiece; and**

27 **(c) For certification as an expanded function preventative dental assistant, polish the**
28 **coronal surfaces of teeth with a brush or rubber cup to remove stains as part of oral**
29 **prophylaxis.**

30 **(3) The rules adopted by the board under subsection (2) of this section must require that**

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 an applicant complete the procedures listed in subsection (2) of this section under the
2 supervision of a dentist licensed to practice dentistry in this state and that the applicant
3 provide a written attestation from the dentist to confirm the applicant's successful com-
4 pletion of the procedures.

5 (4) The board may not require an applicant for certification at any level of dental as-
6 sistant to complete more than one pathway to certification for that level of dental assistant.

7 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this 2023 Act applies to applications for certification as a dental
8 assistant submitted on or after the effective date of this 2023 Act.

9 **SECTION 4.** (1) Section 2 of this 2023 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2024.

10 (2) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may take any action before the operative date speci-
11 fied in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the board to exercise, on and
12 after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions
13 and powers conferred on the board by section 2 of this 2023 Act.

14 **SECTION 5.** This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023
15 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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