

1 AN ACT concerning professional regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Dental Practice Act is amended by
5 changing Sections 9 and 13 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 25/9) (from Ch. 111, par. 2309)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2016)

8 Sec. 9. Qualifications of Applicants for Dental Licenses.

9 The Department shall require that each applicant for a license
10 to practice dentistry shall:

11 (a) (Blank).

12 (b) Be at least 21 years of age and of good moral
13 character.

14 (c) (1) Present satisfactory evidence of completion of
15 dental education by graduation from a dental college or school
16 in the United States or Canada approved by the Department. The
17 Department shall not approve any dental college or school which
18 does not require at least (A) 60 semester hours of collegiate
19 credit or the equivalent in acceptable subjects from a college
20 or university before admission, and (B) completion of at least
21 4 academic years of instruction or the equivalent in an
22 approved dental college or school before graduation; or

23 (2) Present satisfactory evidence of completion of dental

1 education by graduation from a dental college or school outside
2 the United States or Canada and provide satisfactory evidence
3 that:

4 (A) (blank);

5 (B) the applicant has completed a minimum of 2 academic
6 years of general dental clinical training at a dental
7 college or school in the United States or Canada approved
8 by the Department, however, an accredited advanced dental
9 education program approved by the Department of no less
10 than 2 years may be substituted for the 2 academic years of
11 general dental clinical training and an applicant who was
12 enrolled for not less than one year in an approved clinical
13 program prior to January 1, 1993 at an Illinois dental
14 college or school shall be required to complete only that
15 program; and

16 (C) the applicant has received certification from the
17 dean of an approved dental college or school in the United
18 States or Canada or the program director of an approved
19 advanced dental education program stating that the
20 applicant has achieved the same level of scientific
21 knowledge and clinical competence as required of all
22 graduates of the college, school, or advanced dental
23 education program.

24 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent either
25 the Department or any dental college or school from
26 establishing higher standards than specified in this Act.

1 (d) In determining professional capacity under this
2 Section, any individual who has not been actively engaged in
3 the practice of dentistry, has not been a dental student, or
4 has not been engaged in a formal program of dental education
5 during the 5 years immediately preceding the filing of an
6 application may be required to complete such additional
7 testing, training, or remedial education as the Board may deem
8 necessary in order to establish the applicant's present
9 capacity to practice dentistry with reasonable judgment,
10 skill, and safety.

11 (e) Present satisfactory evidence that the applicant has
12 passed both parts of the National Board Dental Examination
13 administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental
14 Examinations and has successfully completed an examination
15 conducted by one of the following regional testing services:
16 the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), the
17 Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. (SRTA), the Western
18 Regional Examining Board (WREB), or the North East Regional
19 Board (NERB). For purposes of this Section, successful
20 completion shall mean that the applicant has achieved a minimum
21 passing score as determined by the applicable regional testing
22 service.

23 (f) The Secretary of the Department may suspend a regional
24 testing service under subsection (e) of this Section if, after
25 proper notice and hearing, it is established that (i) the
26 integrity of the examination has been breached so as to make

1 future test results unreliable or (ii) the test is
2 fundamentally deficient in testing clinical competency. Pass
3 ~~an examination authorized or given by the Department in the~~
4 ~~theory and practice of the science of dentistry; provided, that~~
5 ~~the Department (1) may recognize a certificate granted by the~~
6 ~~National Board of Dental Examiners in lieu of, or subject to,~~
7 ~~such examination as may be required and (2) may recognize~~
8 ~~successful completion of the clinical examination conducted by~~
9 ~~approved regional testing services in lieu of such examinations~~
10 ~~as may be required. For purposes of this Section, successful~~
11 ~~completion shall mean that the applicant has achieved a minimum~~
12 ~~passing score on the regional examinations as determined by~~
13 ~~each approved regional testing service.~~

14 (Source: P.A. 94-409, eff. 12-31-05.)

15 (225 ILCS 25/13) (from Ch. 111, par. 2313)

16 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2016)

17 Sec. 13. Qualifications of Applicants for Dental
18 Hygienists. Every person who desires to obtain a license as a
19 dental hygienist shall apply to the Department in writing, upon
20 forms prepared and furnished by the Department. Each
21 application shall contain proof of the particular
22 qualifications required of the applicant, shall be verified by
23 the applicant, under oath, and shall be accompanied by the
24 required examination fee.

25 The Department shall require that every applicant for a

1 license as a dental hygienist shall:

2 (1) (Blank).

3 (2) Be a graduate of high school or its equivalent.

4 (3) Present satisfactory evidence of having successfully
5 completed 2 academic years of credit at a dental hygiene
6 program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of
7 the American Dental Association.

8 (4) Submit evidence that he holds a currently valid
9 certification to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The
10 Department shall adopt rules establishing criteria for
11 certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The rules of
12 the Department shall provide for variances only in instances
13 where the applicant is physically disabled and therefore unable
14 to secure such certification.

15 (5) (Blank).

16 (6) Present satisfactory evidence that the applicant has
17 passed the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination
18 administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental
19 Examinations and has successfully completed an examination
20 conducted by one of the following regional testing services:
21 the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), the
22 Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. (SRTA), the Western
23 Regional Examining Board (WREB), or the North East Regional
24 Board (NERB). For the purposes of this Section, successful
25 completion shall mean that the applicant has achieved a minimum
26 passing score as determined by the applicable regional testing

1 service. The Secretary of the Department may suspend a regional
2 testing service under this item (6) if, after proper notice and
3 hearing, it is established that (i) the integrity of the
4 examination has been breached so as to make future test results
5 unreliable or (ii) the examination is fundamentally deficient
6 in testing clinical competency. ~~Pass an examination authorized~~
7 ~~or given by the Department in the subjects usually taught in~~
8 ~~approved programs of dental hygiene, which examination shall~~
9 ~~determine the qualifications of applicants to perform the~~
10 ~~operative procedures of dental hygiene. The Department may~~
11 ~~recognize a certificate granted by the National Board of Dental~~
12 ~~Examiners in lieu of, or subject to, such examination.~~

13 (Source: P.A. 92-262, eff. 8-7-01.)

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
15 becoming law.