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Introduced by M. of A. WOERNER, McDONALD, ANGELINO, MAGNARELLI, DeSTEFANO, LUPARDO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requirements for licensure as a dentist

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivisions 3 and 6 of section 6604 of the education law, subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 613 of the laws of 2022 and subdivision 6 as amended by chapter 669 of the laws of 2022, are amended to read as follows:

(3) Experience: **(a)** have experience satisfactory to the board and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations, provided that such experience shall consist of satisfactory completion of a postdoctoral general practice or specialty dental residency program, of at least one year's duration, in a hospital or dental facility accredited for teaching purposes by a national accrediting body approved by the department, provided, further that any such residency program shall include a formal outcome assessment evaluation of the resident's competence to practice dentistry acceptable to the department**; or**

(b) notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subdivision, have experience satisfactory to the board and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations, provided that where an applicant has completed a program of dental education in a foreign dental school recognized by the appropriate civil authorities of the country in which the school is located as acceptable for entry into practice in such country, such experience may consist of a minimum of three years of full-time dental practice, or the equivalent thereof, in the country of such unregistered and unaccredited foreign dental school within the five years immediately preceding the submission of an initial license application, and the completion of either (i) at least one year of experience as a full-time faculty member

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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employed at an approved New York state school of dentistry, or (ii) at least one year of full-time experience, or the equivalent thereof, as a general practice dental intern in an internship program under the supervision of a licensed dentist in an area which has been designated a federal dental health professions shortage area, provided further that the licensed dentist who supervises such an intern shall be designated the preceptor dentist, have practiced for at least five years immediately preceding assuming a preceptorship, and have under his or her supervision not more than one full-time intern nor more than two part-time interns;

(6) Citizenship or immigration status: be a United States citizen or a noncitizen lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States; provided, however, that the board of regents may grant a three year waiver for a noncitizen to practice in an area which has been designated a federal dental health professions shortage area, except that the board of regents may grant an additional extension not to exceed six years to a noncitizen to enable him or her to secure citizenship or permanent resident status, provided such status is being actively pursued; and provided further that the board of regents may grant an additional three-year waiver, and at its expiration, an extension for a period not to exceed six additional years, for the holder of an H-1b visa, an O-1 visa, or an equivalent or successor visa thereto;

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.