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Introduced by M. of A. WOERNER, McDONALD, ANGELINO, MAGNARELLI, DeSTEFANO, LUPARDO, DICKENS, LUNSFORD, SEAWRIGHT, THIELE -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education -- recommitted to the Committee on Higher Education in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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: have experience satisfactory to the board and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations, provided that**:**

**(a)** 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, for an applicant with a minimum of three years of full-time dental practice experience, or the equivalent thereof, within the five years immediately preceding the applicant's application and in the state or country from which such applicant received a license to practice dentistry, such experience may consist of satisfactory completion of a minimum of one year of either: (i) experience as a full-time faculty member employed**

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

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at an approved New York state school of dentistry, or (ii) full-time experience, or the equivalent thereof, as a general practice dental preceptee in a preceptorship 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 a preceptee 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 preceptee nor more than two part-time preceptees;

(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.