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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:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 6605 of the education law, as  
2 amended by chapter 57 of the laws of 1999, is amended and two new subdivisions 2-a and 6 are added to read as follows:

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4 2-a. (a) On recommendation of the board, the department may issue a  
5 limited permit to a dentist not licensed under this article to partic-  
6 ipate as a general practice dental preceptee in a preceptorship program  
7 under the supervision of a licensed dentist practicing in a federally  
8 qualified health care facility or similar facility that primarily serves  
9 an underserved population, and in doing so to practice dentistry as  
10 defined in this article, but only on the premises of such federally  
11 qualified health care facility or such similar facility as may be used  
12 to conduct the preceptorship program, provided such preceptee: (i) is  
13 licensed to practice dentistry in a jurisdiction outside of the United  
14 States and is not eligible to apply for licensure by endorsement pursu-  
15 ant to subdivision six of section sixty-five hundred six of the educa-  
16 tion law; (ii) has completed a preliminary competency examination in  
17 accordance with the commissioner's regulations; (iii) has a minimum of  
18 five years full-time dental practice experience or the equivalent there-  
19 of within the seven years immediately preceding the request for a limit-  
20 ed permit; and (iv) practices for the duration of the preceptorship

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

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1 program exclusively in a federally qualified health care facility or  
2 similar facility that primarily serves an underserved population.

3 (b) A licensed preceptor dentist who supervises a preceptee pursuant  
4 to this subdivision shall have practiced for at least three years imme-  
5 diately preceding the assumption of a preceptorship and shall have under  
6 their supervision not more than one full-time preceptee nor more than  
7 two part-time preceptees.

8 4. A limited permit under this section shall be valid for one year or  
9 until ten days after notification of denial of an application for  
10 license. A limited permit may be renewed for one year, except if the  
11 applicant is serving in a residency program in a hospital or school of  
12 dentistry or preceptorship program in a federally qualified health care  
13 facility or such similar facility in this state. A limited permit may be  
14 renewed annually for the duration of such residency program or precep-  
15 torship program. The fee for each limited permit and for each renewal  
16 shall be one hundred five dollars.

17 6. A dentist that complies with the provisions of subdivision two or  
18 two-a of this section for a duration of five years, upon satisfactory  
19 completion of such five years of practice, may apply for licensure as a  
20 dentist in this state.

21 § 2. Subdivisions 3 and 6 of section 6604 of the education law, subdivi-  
22 sion 3 as amended by chapter 613 of the laws of 2022 and subdivision 6  
23 as amended by chapter 669 of the laws of 2022, are amended to read as  
24 follows:

25 (3) Experience: have experience satisfactory to the board and in  
26 accordance with the commissioner's regulations, provided that such expe-  
27 rience shall consist of (i) satisfactory completion of a postdoctoral  
28 general practice or specialty dental residency program, of at least one  
29 year's duration, in a hospital or dental facility accredited for teach-  
30 ing purposes by a national accrediting body approved by the department,  
31 or (ii) satisfactory completion of at least five year's duration prac-  
32 ticing as a dentist with a limited permit issued in accordance with  
33 subdivision two or two-a of section sixty-six hundred five of this arti-  
34 cle, provided, further that any such residency program, employment by a  
35 registered school of dentistry or preceptorship program shall include a  
36 formal outcome assessment evaluation of the resident's or dentist's  
37 competence to practice dentistry acceptable to the department;

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

51 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
52 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or  
53 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of  
54 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed  
55 on or before such effective date.