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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. STAVISKY, FAHY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education -- 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:

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 subdi-
3 visions 2-a and 6 are added to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

19 § 2. Subdivisions 3 and 6 of section 6604 of the education law, subdi-
20 vision 3 as amended by chapter 613 of the laws of 2022 and subdivision 6
21 as amended by chapter 669 of the laws of 2022, are amended to read as
22 follows:

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

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

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