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Introduced by Sens. SEPULVEDA, HARCKHAM, SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules -- recommitted to the Committee on Higher Education in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to licensing requirements for prospective dentists

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

Section 1. Subdivisions 3 and 4 of section 6604 of the education law, subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 613 of the laws of 2022 and subdivision 4 as amended by chapter 76 of the laws of 2004, are amended to read as follows:

(3) Experience: 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 **or advanced education program in general dentistry**, of at least one year's duration, **or the first year of a multi-year postdoctoral specialty program,** 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 **or advanced education program in general dentistry** shall include a formal outcome assessment evaluation of the resident's **or program participant's** competence to practice dentistry acceptable to the department;

(4) Examination: pass a written examination satisfactory to the board and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations**. Applicants applying after the first year of a multi-year postdoctoral specialty**

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

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program shall have also passed the clinical examination administered by the American Board of Dental Examiners or another clinical examination acceptable to the department;

§ 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law.