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SENATE BILL 1028

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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AN ACT

RELATING TO DENTISTRY; AMENDING THE DENTAL HEALTH CARE ACT TO
ALLOW DENTISTRY LICENSURE BY CREDENTIALS TO PERSONS WITH
PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 61-5A-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,
Chapter 55, Section 12) is amended to read:

"61-5A-12. DENTISTS--REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE--SPECIALTY
LICENSE. --

A. All applicants for licensure as a dentist [~~must~~]
shall have graduated and received a diploma from an accredited
dental college or school of dentistry of a university that is
accredited by the American dental association commission on
dental accreditation and have passed the written portion of the
dental examination administered by the joint commission on

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1 national dental examinations of the American dental association
2 or, if the test is not available, [~~then~~] another written
3 examination determined by the board.

4 B. Applicants for general dentistry licensure by
5 examination shall be required, in addition to the requirements
6 set forth in Subsection A of this section, to pass a test
7 covering the laws and regulations for the practice of dentistry
8 in New Mexico. Written examinations shall be supplemented by
9 the board or its agents administering to each applicant a
10 practical or clinical examination that reasonably tests the
11 applicant's qualifications to practice general dentistry. Upon
12 an applicant [~~successfully~~] passing the written and clinical
13 examinations and payment in advance of the necessary fees, the
14 board shall issue a license to practice dentistry.

15 C. The board ~~may~~ issue a general dentistry license
16 by credentials to an applicant who is duly licensed by
17 examination as a dentist under the laws of another state or
18 territory of the United States. The applicant [~~must~~] shall meet
19 the ~~same~~ requirements necessary to sit for such examination by
20 the board or its examining agents along with other
21 qualifications as deemed necessary by regulation of the board,
22 including appropriate fees and passing an examination covering
23 the laws and regulations of the practice of dentistry in New
24 Mexico.

25 D. The board may issue a general dentistry license

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1 by credentials to an applicant who is duly licensed as a dentist
2 under the laws of another country if that person has at least
3 twenty-five years of practical experience in dentistry in the
4 other country. The applicant shall pay the appropriate fees and
5 pass an examination covering the laws, rules and regulations of
6 the practice of dentistry in New Mexico.

7 [D.] E. The board may issue a specialty license by
8 examination to an applicant who has [successfully] passed a
9 clinical and written examination given by the board or its
10 examining agents that covers the applicant's specialty. The
11 applicant [~~must~~] shall have a postgraduate degree or certificate
12 from an accredited dental college, school of dentistry of a
13 university or other residency program that is accredited by the
14 American dental association commission on dental accreditation
15 in one of the specialty areas of dentistry recognized by the
16 American dental association. The applicant [~~must~~] shall also
17 meet all other requirements as established by rules and
18 regulations of the board, which shall include an examination
19 covering the laws and regulations of the practice of dentistry
20 in New Mexico. A specialty license limits the licensee to
21 practice only in that specialty area.

22 [E.] F. The board may issue a specialty license by
23 credentials to an applicant who is duly licensed by examination
24 as dentist under the laws of another state or territory of the
25 United States and has a postgraduate degree or certificate from

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1 an accredited dental college, school of dentistry of a
2 university or other residency program that is accredited by the
3 American dental association commission on dental accreditation
4 in one of the specialty areas of dentistry recognized by the
5 American dental association. The applicant [~~must~~] shall also
6 meet all other qualifications as deemed necessary by
7 [~~regulation~~] rules and regulations of the board, which shall
8 include an examination covering the laws and regulations of the
9 practice of dentistry in New Mexico. A specialty license limits
10 the licensee to practice only in that specialty area.

11 G. The board may issue a specialty license by
12 credentials to an applicant who is duly licensed as a dentist
13 under the laws of another country if that person has at least
14 twenty-five years of practical experience in dentistry in the
15 other country, twenty of which are in the specialized area of
16 dentistry for which the applicant is seeking licensure. The
17 applicant shall meet the requirements set forth by rules and
18 regulations of the board, including paying the appropriate fees
19 and passing an examination covering the laws and regulations of
20 the practice of dentistry in New Mexico. A specialty license
21 limits the licensee to practice only in that specialty area. "