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An Act To Change Licensure Requirements for Foreign-trained Dentists

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

Presented by Representative TEPLER of Topsham.
Cosponsored by Representative: MORALES of South Portland.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §18342, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is amended to read:

A. Verification of a doctoral degree in dentistry from a dental school accredited as required by board rule or verification of a certification or degree from a postdoctoral advanced specialty program recognized by the American Dental Association National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards or successor organization that is accredited by the national Commission on Dental Accreditation or successor organization; and

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §18342, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is amended to read:

6. Resident dentist license. An applicant for a resident dentist license must comply with section 18341 and must provide:

A. Verification of a doctoral degree in dentistry from a dental school accredited as required by board rule or verification of a degree in dentistry from an institution or program in another country accredited by a country-specific national dentistry board or council and credentials from a medical institution or program accredited by the national Commission on Dental Accreditation or successor organization;

B. Verification of passing all examinations required by board rule;

C. Verification that the applicant will be practicing dentistry in a board-approved practice setting within the State; and

D. A statement from the sponsoring dentist that demonstrates that the level of supervision and control of the services to be performed by the applicant are adequate and that the performance of these services are within the applicant's dental knowledge and skill.

SUMMARY

This bill amends licensing requirements for foreign-trained dentists by allowing dentist licensure for an applicant with a certification or a degree from a postdoctoral advanced specialty program and to allow resident dental licensure for an applicant with credentials from a medical school or program accredited by the national Commission on Dental Accreditation and a doctoral degree in dentistry from an institute or program from another country accredited by a country-specific national dentistry board or council. This bill also removes the requirement that an applicant for a resident dental license provide verification of passing the examinations required by the Board of Dental Practices.