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House of Representatives, March 10, 2021

### **An Act To Change Licensure Requirements for Foreign-trained Dentists**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative TEPLER of Topsham.  
Cosponsored by Representative: MORALES of South Portland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 **SUMMARY**

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