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Overview

This bill makes technical and substantive changes to the practice act of dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants.

Section

1 **Licensure.** Amends § 150A.06

Subd. 1. Dentists. Modifies requirements for licensure as a dentist.

Subd. 1a. Faculty dentists. Modifies requirements for faculty licensure.

Subd. 1b. Resident dentists. Makes a technical change.

Subd. 1c. Specialty dentists. Deletes references to categories of specialty licensure and substitutes categories recognized by the American Dental Association. Applicants for specialty licensure must fulfill certain requirements and are limited to practicing in the dentist's designated specialty area. All specialty dentists applying for licensure who intend to limit their practices must apply for a specialty license.

Subd. 2. Dental hygienists. Modifies requirements for licensure as a dental hygienist.

Subd. 2a. Registered dental assistants. Modifies requirements for registration as a

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registered dental assistant.

Subd. 2b. Examination. Makes technical changes.

Subd. 2c. Guest license or registration. Requires guest practitioners to limit practice to a public health setting, allows guest practitioners to practice at multiple locations in Minnesota, and makes other technical changes.

Subd. 2d. Volunteer and retired dentists, dental hygienists, and registered dental assistants continuing education and professional development waiver. Makes technical changes.

Subd. 3. Waiver of examination. Makes technical changes.

Subd. 4. Licensure by credentials. Modifies requirements for licensure by credential.

Subd. 4a. Appeal of denial of application. Makes conforming changes.

Subd. 5. Fraud in securing licenses or registration. Makes conforming changes.

Subd. 6. Display of name and certifications. Modifies credential and name display requirements to require offices in which dentistry is practiced to display the name of each current dentist practicing, instead of displaying the name of each credentialed dental professional.

Subd. 7. Additional remedies for licensure and registration. Gives the board discretion to issue additional remedies for deficiencies found for initial or renewal of credentials.

Subd. 8. Registration by credentials. Outlines requirements for registration of dental assistants by credential.

2 Grounds. Amends § 150A.08, subd. 1. Adds failure to maintain malpractice insurance to the list of grounds for discipline of dentistry professionals.

3 Duplicate certificates. Amends § 150A.09, subd. 4. Makes a technical change.