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Overview

This is the Board of Dentistry bill. It makes technical changes and adds a requirement and procedure for criminal history checks for applicants for licensure and for reinstatement of a license.

- 1 **Specialty dentists.** Amends §150A.06, subd. 1c. Makes a technical change to the name of a national board.
- 2 **Waiver of examination.** Amends §150A.06, subd. 3. Makes a technical change to the name of a national board.
- 3 **Licensure by credential.** Amends §150A.06, subd. 4. Requires an applicant to pass all components of the National Board Dental Examinations.
- 4 **Display of name and certificates.** Amends §150A.06, subd. 6. Allows a licensee to display a wallet-size initial license and renewal certificate at nonprimary practice locations.
- 5 **Criminal history record check.** Creates §150A.06. Paragraph (a) requires an applicant for initial licensure or for reinstatement of a license to submit to a state and national criminal history check.

Paragraph (b) requires the applicant to submit a signed consent form and fingerprints to the BCA, pay required fees, and request that the results be sent directly to the board.

Paragraph (c) requires the board to maintain the data in compliance with data practices requirements.

Paragraph (d) prohibits the board from accepting criminal history checks from any entity other than the BCA.

Paragraph (e) lists the issues the board must consider in deciding whether to grant a license.

Paragraph (f) prohibits the board from granting a license to an individual who does not comply with this section.

Paragraph (g) allows the board to take action according to section 214.10 and 214.103 against an

applicant whose criminal history check shows the individual has engaged in criminal behavior.

6 **Current address, change of address.** Amends §150A.09, subd. 3. Requires licensees to provide their email address to the board. For dentists the postal address must be the physical location of the dental practice.

7 **Use of dental assistants.** Amends §150A.105, subd. 7. Makes technical changes.

8 **General.** Amends §150A.106, subd. 1. Adds that an advanced dental therapist must submit a fee when submitting a certification application to the board.

9 **Immunity.** Amends §150A.14.

Subd. 1. Reporting immunity. Specifies that immunity applies to individuals or entities who report or cooperate with investigations related to violations or alleged violations of section 150A.08 (Licensure and registration actions).

Subd. 2. Investigation immunity. Adds that consultants retained by the board have immunity. Adds that members of the board or a consultant is a state employee.