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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 32-1233, 32-1234, 32-1276.01 AND 32-1285, ARIZONA
REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-1233, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 32-1233. Applicants for licensure; examination requirements

5 An applicant for licensure shall have passed ~~at~~ BOTH of the
6 following:

7 1. The written national dental board examinations.

8 ~~2. The western regional examining board examination or~~ A
9 PSYCHOMOTOR clinical examination administered by ~~another~~ A state or
10 regional testing agency in the United States within five years preceding
11 filing the application.

12 ~~3. The Arizona dental jurisprudence examination.~~

13 Sec. 2. Section 32-1234, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
14 read:

15 32-1234. Dental consultant license

16 A. A person may apply for a dental consultant license if the
17 applicant demonstrates to the board's satisfaction that the applicant:

18 1. Has continuously held a license to practice dentistry for at
19 least twenty-five years issued by one or more states or territories of the
20 United States or the District of Columbia, ~~;~~ but is not currently licensed
21 to practice dentistry in Arizona.

22 2. Is of good moral character.

23 3. Has not had a license to practice dentistry revoked by a dental
24 regulatory board in another jurisdiction in the United States for an act
25 that occurred in that jurisdiction and that constitutes unprofessional
26 conduct pursuant to this chapter.

27 4. Is not currently under suspension or restriction by a dental
28 regulatory board in another jurisdiction in the United States for an act
29 that occurred in that jurisdiction and that constitutes unprofessional
30 conduct pursuant to this chapter.

31 5. Has not surrendered, relinquished or given up a license to
32 practice dentistry in lieu of disciplinary action by a dental regulatory
33 board in another jurisdiction in the United States for an act that
34 occurred in that jurisdiction and that constitutes unprofessional conduct
35 pursuant to this chapter.

36 6. Meets the applicable requirements of section 32-1232.

37 7. Meets the requirements of section 32-1233, ~~paragraphs~~ PARAGRAPH
38 ~~1 and 3~~. If an applicant has taken a state written theory examination
39 instead of the written national dental board examinations, the applicant
40 must provide the board with official documentation of passing the written
41 theory examinations in the state where the applicant holds a current
42 license. The board shall then determine the applicant's eligibility for a
43 license pursuant to this section.

- 1 3. Successfully passes, ~~both of the following:~~
2 ~~(a)~~ within five years before filing the application, a PSYCHOMOTOR
3 clinical examination ~~that is either:~~
4 ~~(i) The western regional examining board examination.~~
5 ~~(ii) An examination~~ in dental therapy administered by ~~another A~~
6 state or testing agency ~~that is substantially equivalent to the western~~
7 ~~regional examining board examination, as determined by the state board of~~
8 ~~dental examiners.~~
9 ~~(b) The Arizona dental jurisprudence examination~~ IN THE UNITED
10 STATES.
11 4. Is not subject to any grounds for denial of the application
12 under this chapter.
13 5. Obtains a valid fingerprint clearance card issued pursuant to
14 title 41, chapter 12, article 3.1.
15 6. Meets all requirements for licensure established by the board by
16 rule.
17 C. The board may deny an application for licensure or license
18 renewal if the applicant:
19 1. Has committed an act that would be cause for censure, probation
20 or suspension or revocation of a license under this chapter.
21 2. While unlicensed, committed or aided and abetted the commission
22 of an act for which a license is required by this chapter.
23 3. Knowingly made any false statement in the application.
24 4. Has had a license to practice dental therapy revoked by a
25 regulatory board in another jurisdiction in the United States for an act
26 that occurred in that jurisdiction and that constitutes unprofessional
27 conduct pursuant to this chapter.
28 5. Is currently suspended or restricted by a regulatory board in
29 another jurisdiction in the United States for an act that occurred in that
30 jurisdiction and that constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to this
31 chapter.
32 6. Has surrendered, relinquished or given up a license to practice
33 dental therapy instead of having disciplinary action taken against the
34 applicant by a regulatory board in another jurisdiction in the United
35 States for an act that occurred in that jurisdiction and that constitutes
36 unprofessional conduct pursuant to this chapter.
37 D. The board shall suspend an application for licensure if the
38 applicant is currently under investigation by a dental regulatory board in
39 another jurisdiction. The board shall not issue a license or deny an
40 application for licensure until the investigation is completed.

1 Sec. 4. Section 32-1285, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
2 read:

3 32-1285. Applicants for licensure; examination requirements

4 An applicant for licensure shall have passed ~~at~~ BOTH of the
5 following:

6 1. The national dental hygiene board examination.

7 2. A PSYCHOMOTOR clinical examination ~~that is completed~~
8 ADMINISTERED BY A STATE OR REGIONAL TESTING AGENCY IN THE UNITED STATES
9 within five years preceding filing the application. ~~and that is either of~~
10 ~~the following:~~

11 ~~(a) The western regional examining board examination.~~

12 ~~(b) An examination administered by another state or testing agency~~
13 ~~that is substantially equivalent to the requirements of this state, as~~
14 ~~determined by the board.~~

15 ~~3. The Arizona dental jurisprudence examination.~~