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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health occupations; amending licensure requirements for dental

1.3 hygienists; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 150A.06, subdivision 2.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 150A.06, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. **Dental hygienists.** (a) An applicant may apply for licensure if the applicant is

1.7 a person of good moral character; who has:

1.8 (1) graduated from a dental hygiene program accredited by the Commission on Dental

1.9 Accreditation and established in an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the

1.10 United States Department of Education to offer college-level programs; ~~may apply for~~

1.11 licensure. The dental hygiene program must provide a minimum of two academic years of

1.12 dental hygiene education. The applicant must submit an application and fee as prescribed

1.13 by the board and a diploma or certificate of dental hygiene; or

1.14 (2) completed a minimum of four years of postsecondary dental education and received

1.15 a dental school diploma comparable to a doctor of dental surgery (D.D.S.) or doctor of

1.16 dental medicine (D.M.D.) degree from a dental college in another country. The applicant

1.17 must submit an application and fee as prescribed by the board and a dental school diploma.

1.18 (b) Prior to being licensed, the applicant must pass the National Board of Dental Hygiene

1.19 examination and a board approved examination designed to determine the applicant's clinical

1.20 competency. In the case of examinations conducted pursuant to section 150A.03, subdivision

1.21 1, applicants shall take the examination before applying to the board for licensure. The

1.22 applicant must also pass an examination testing the applicant's knowledge of the laws of

2.1 Minnesota relating to the practice of dentistry and of the rules of the board. An applicant is  
2.2 ineligible to retake the clinical examination required by the board after failing it twice until  
2.3 further education and training are obtained as specified by board rule. A separate,  
2.4 nonrefundable fee may be charged for each time a person applies. An applicant who passes  
2.5 the examination in compliance with subdivision 2b, abides by professional ethical conduct  
2.6 requirements, and meets all the other requirements of the board shall be licensed as a dental  
2.7 hygienist.