

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 84th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2003  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 258

5 By: Senator Bisbee  
6 By: Representative Roebuck  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LICENSURE OF DENTISTS  
11 IMMIGRATING TO THIS STATE FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY;  
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LICENSURE OF  
15 DENTISTS IMMIGRATING TO THIS STATE FROM  
16 ANOTHER COUNTRY.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-82-304(b), concerning the licensing  
23 procedure for dentists, is amended to read as follows:

24 (b) An applicant must:

25 (1)(A) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and of good  
26 moral reputation and character;

27 ~~(2)(B)~~ Submit upon request such proof as the board may  
28 require touching upon age, character, and fitness; and

29 ~~(3)(C)~~ Have been graduated from an American Dental  
30 Association-accredited college of dentistry with the degree of Doctor of  
31 Dental Surgery or Doctor of Dental Medicine~~;~~ or

32 (2)(A) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and of good  
33 moral reputation and character;

34 (B) Have graduated from a college of dentistry in a  
35 foreign country with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, Doctor of Dental  
36 Medicine, or an equivalent degree approved by the board; and



1                    (C) Have passed an examination approved by the board and  
2 authorized under § 17-82-303.

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4                    SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
5 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the state faces a critical  
6 shortage of dentists; that dentists immigrating to this state can provide a  
7 pool of qualified professionals immediately ready to help meet this critical  
8 shortage. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being  
9 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and  
10 safety shall become effective on:

11                    (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

12                    (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
13 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
14 bill; or

15                    (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
16 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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