

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
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As Engrossed: S2/20/03

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

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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;



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

3 (D) Be a resident of the State of Arkansas and the United
4 States and be in compliance with federal laws of immigration; and

5 (E) Serve a period of at least one (1) year under a
6 provisional license issued by the board to foreign graduates and successfully
7 complete the monitoring requirements as ordered by the board at the time the
8 provisional license is issued.

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

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

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

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

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24 /s/ Bisbee
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