

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.

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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 A PILOT PROGRAM FOR LICENSURE*  
11 *OF FOREIGN-TRAINED DENTISTS IMMIGRATING TO THIS*  
12 *STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

## Subtitle

15 *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A PILOT PROGRAM FOR*  
16 *LICENSURE OF FOREIGN-TRAINED DENTISTS*  
17 *IMMIGRATING TO THIS STATE.*

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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 North  
35 America 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. This pilot program of licensure for foreign-trained  
11 graduates and the granting of licensure to foreign-trained dentists will  
12 expire at the close of the 2005 regular session of the Arkansas General  
13 Assembly.

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15 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
16 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that a need exists to examine the  
17 impact and quality of services to be performed by foreign-trained dentists  
18 immigrating to Arkansas. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and  
19 this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public  
20 peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

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

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

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

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28 /s/ Bisbee  
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