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[FIRST REPRINT]
ASSEMBLY, No. 3564

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 21, 1990

By Assemblymen CIMINO, VILLAPIANO and Naples

1 AN ACT establishing continuing education requirements for
2 dentists and supplementing chapter 6 of Title 45 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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5 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
6 *State of New Jersey:*

7 1. The New Jersey State Board of Dentistry shall require each
8 person licensed as a dentist, as a condition for biennial
9 registration pursuant to R.S.45:6-10 and P.L.1972, c.108
10 (C.45:1-7), to complete 40 credits of continuing dental education
11 as provided in section 2 of this act during each biennial
12 registration period.

13 2. a. The board shall:

14 (1) Establish standards for continuing dental education,
15 including the subject matter and content of courses of study;

16 (2) Accredite educational programs offering credit towards the
17 continuing dental education requirements; and

18 (3) Accredite other equivalent educational programs, including,
19 but not limited to, meetings of constituents and components of
20 dental professional associations recognized by the board,
21 examinations, papers, publications, scientific presentations,
22 teaching and research appointments, table clinics and scientific
23 exhibits, and shall establish procedures for the issuance of credit
24 upon satisfactory proof of the completion of these programs.

25 b. In the case of education courses or programs, each hour of
26 instruction shall be equivalent to one credit.

27 3. The board may:

28 a. Establish procedures for monitoring compliance with the
29 continuing dental education requirements; and

30 b. Establish procedures to evaluate and grant approval to
31 providers of continuing dental education courses.

32 4. The board may in its discretion, waive requirements for
33 continuing dental education on an individual basis for reasons of
34 hardship such as illness or disability, retirement of the license, or
35 other good cause.

36 5. The board shall not require completion of continuing dental
37 education credits for ¹[an]¹ initial ¹[renewal of]¹ registration.

38 6. a. The board shall not require completion of continuing

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the
above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly ACP committee amendments adopted September 10, 1990.

1 dental education credits for any registration periods commencing
2 within 12 months of the effective date of this act.

3 b. The board shall require completion of continuing dental
4 education credits on a pro rata basis for any registration periods
5 commencing more than 12 but less than 24 months following the
6 effective date of this act.

7 7. The board shall accept as proof of completion of continuing
8 education program credits documentation submitted by a person
9 licensed as a dentist or by any entity offering a continuing
10 education program approved by the board pursuant to section 2 of
11 this act.

12 8. Any person who fails to complete the continuing dental
13 education requirements established pursuant to section 1 of this
14 act shall be liable to a civil penalty of not more than \$500 or
15 additional hours of continuing dental education, or both, as
16 imposed by the board, for a first offense. A second or subsequent
17 offense by a licensee shall be considered professional misconduct
18 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 6 of Title 45 of the Revised
19 Statutes and P.L.1978 c.73 (C.45:1-14 et seq.).

20 9. The board shall permit any dental association offering a
21 continuing education program approved by the board pursuant to
22 section 2 of this act to impose a reasonable differential in
23 registration fees for courses upon licensed dentists who are not
24 members of that dental association.

25 10. This act shall take effect on the 180th day following
26 enactment.

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REGULATED PROFESSIONS

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26 STATEMENT
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28 This bill requires dentists to complete 40 credits of continuing
29 dental education during each biennial registration period to be
30 eligible for renewal of their registration. In the case of
31 education courses or programs, each credit shall be equivalent to
32 one hour of instruction. The New Jersey State Board of Dentistry
33 shall accredit educational programs and other activities, such as
34 teaching and publications, which have equivalent educational
35 value.

36 Waivers of the required continuing professional education shall
37 be granted on an individual basis due to hardship or other good
38 cause. Completion of dental education credits are not required
39 for the initial registration renewal under the bill.

40 Those dentists whose first renewal date occurs within 12
41 months after the enactment of the bill would not have to
42 complete dental education credits to renew their registration.
43 Those whose first renewal falls more than 12 but less than 24
44 months after the enactment of the bill would be required to
45 complete continuing education credits on a pro rata basis as
46 determined by the board.

47 The New Jersey State Board of Dentistry is required to
48 establish standards for the subject matter and content of courses
49 of study and to accredit educational programs or equivalent

1 programs for the continuing dental education requirements.

2 The purpose of this bill is to insure that dentists licensed by the
3 New Jersey State Board of Dentistry continue to master current
4 developments in their field so that they may competently serve
5 the public.

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ASSEMBLY COMMERCE AND REGULATED PROFESSIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3564

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: AUGUST 8, 1990

The Assembly Commerce and Regulated Professions Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3564 with committee amendments.

This bill requires dentists to complete 40 credits of continuing dental education during each biennial registration period to be eligible for renewal of their registration. In the case of education courses or programs, each credit shall be equivalent to one hour of instruction. The New Jersey State Board of Dentistry shall accredit education programs and other activities, such as teaching and publications, which have equivalent educational value.

Waivers of the required continuing professional education shall be granted on an individual basis due to hardship or other good cause. Those dentists whose first renewal date occurs within 12 months after the enactment of the bill would not have to complete dental education credits to renew their registration. Those whose first renewal falls more than 12 but less than 24 months after the enactment of the bill would be required to complete continuing education credits on a pro rata basis as determined by the board.

The New Jersey State Board of Dentistry is required to establish standards for the subject matter and content of courses of study and to accredit educational programs or equivalent programs for the continuing dental education requirements.

The committee amended the bill to provide that individuals undertaking their first renewal of registration shall first complete their dental education credits.

SENATE LABOR, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

ASSEMBLY, No. 3564

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 9, 1992

The Senate Labor, Industry and Professions Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 3564 (1R).

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Waivers of the required continuing professional education may be granted by the board on an individual basis for reasons of hardship, such as illness or disability, retirement of the license or other good cause. Those dentists whose first registration renewal date occurs within 12 months after the effective date of the bill would not have to complete the continuing dental education requirements to renew their registration. Those dentists whose first registration renewal falls more than 12 but less than 24 months after the effective date of the bill would be required to complete continuing dental education requirements on a pro rata basis.

Any dentist who fails to complete the continuing dental education requirements would be liable to a civil penalty of not more than \$500 or additional hours of continuing dental education, or both, for a first offense. A subsequent offense by a dentist would be considered professional misconduct and would subject the dentist to possible suspension or revocation of license.

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