ASSEMBLY, No. 316

(*Revised Statutes*, *section* 45:6–3.)
(*Revised Statutes*, *section* 45:6–10.)

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

AN ACT concerning the practice of dentistry, and amending sections 45:6–3 and 45:6–10 of the Revised Statutes.

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

1. Section 45:6–3 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

45:6–3. The board shall from time to time adopt rules for its own government and for the examination of candidates for licenses to practice dentistry. Any rule altering the nature or increasing the severity of the examination or the subjects to be included therein shall not be enforced until six months after its adoption and public promulgation. The examination of applicants shall be confined to written or oral, or both written and oral, examinations upon subjects properly relating to the science of dentistry, the knowledge of which is necessary to the proper and skillful practice of said science. The board may also require from applicants, as part of the examination, demonstration of their skill in operative and prosthetic dentistry. No person shall be examined by the board unless he is a citizen of the United States of America, at least twenty-one years of age, of good moral character, and shall present to the board a certificate from the Commissioner of Education of this State, showing that before entering a dental college he had

obtained an academic education consisting of a four years' course of study in an approved public or private high school or the equivalent thereof, unless he has been graduated in course with a dental degree from a dental school, college or department of a university approved by the board, or holds a diploma or license conferring full right to practice dentistry in some foreign country and granted by some authority recognized by the board. Any member of the board may inquire of any applicant for examination concerning his qualifications, and may take testimony of anyone in regard thereto, under oath, which he is hereby empowered to administer.

2. Section 45:6–10 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

45:6–10. Every licensed dentist shall procure from the secretary-treasurer of the board on or before November first each year an annual certificate of registration. Such certificate shall be issued by the secretary-treasurer upon payment of a fee of two dollars, and all certificates so issued shall be prima facie evidence of the right of the holder to practice dentistry in this State. The secretary-treasurer of the board shall, on or before October first each year, mail to each licensed dentist, a printed blank form to be properly filled out and returned by such licensed person to said secretary-treasurer, together with the fee herein fixed for such annual registration. Upon receipt of such form and fee, the annual certificate of registration shall be issued and transmitted. The board shall cause a notice to be inserted in not less than three newspapers, one in the City of Trenton, one in the city of Camden, and one in the city of Newark, to the effect that such annual registration will be required. Such notice shall be printed in such papers, once a week for three consecutive weeks between September first and October first, each year. Any person who for at least twenty-five years shall have been licensed to practice dentistry in New Jersey and who desires to retire from the practice thereof, and during his retirement to refrain from practicing dentistry, upon application to the secretary-treasurer of the board, may be registered annually, without the payment of any registration fee, as a

retired dentist. The certificate of registration which shall be issued to a retired dentist shall state, among other things, that the holder has been licensed to practice dentistry in New Jersey but that during his retirement he shall not practice dentistry. The holder of a certificate of registration as a retired dentist shall be entitled to resume the practice of dentistry at any time; *provided,* he first shall have obtained from the secretary-treasurer an annual certificate of registration as hereinbefore provided. The license of any person who fails to procure any annual certificate of registration, or in lieu thereof an annual certificate of registration as a retired dentist, at the time and in the manner required by this section may be suspended by the board in the manner provided by sections 45:6–7 to 45:6–9 of this Title. Any license so suspended shall be reinstated at any time within three years from the date of such suspension upon the payment of all past due annual registration fees and an additional reinstatement fee of twenty-five dollars. Any person whose license shall have been suspended for such cause shall, during the period of such suspension, be regarded as an unlicensed person and, in case he shall continue or engage in the practice of dentistry during such period, shall be liable to the penalties prescribed by section 45:6–13 of this Title for practicing dentistry without a license. Any person to whom a certificate of registration as a retired dentist shall have been issued who shall continue or engage in the practice of dentistry without first having obtained a certificate of registration authorizing him to resume the practice of dentistry, shall be liable to the penalties prescribed by section 45:6–13 of this Title for practicing dentistry without a license.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.