

45:6-3

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 45:6-3

(Dental examinations-
graduates of unapproved
schools-require study at
approved school)

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CHAPTER: 541

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ASSEMBLY, No. 4043

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 21, 1983

By Assemblymen DORIA, CHARLES, SCHWARTZ, ROCCO, WOLF,
BOCCHINI, Assemblywoman GARVIN and Assemblyman DOYLE

AN ACT concerning the licensing of graduates of unapproved dental
schools and amending R. S. 45:6-3.

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

1 1. R. S. 45:6-3 is amended to read as follows:

2 45:6-3. The board shall from time to time adopt rules for its own
3 government and for the examination of candidates for licenses to
4 practice dentistry. Any rule altering the nature or increasing the
5 severity of the examination or the subjects to be included therein
6 shall not be enforced until six months after its adoption and public
7 promulgation. The examination of applicants shall be confined to
8 written or oral, or both written and oral, examinations upon sub-
9 jects properly relating to the science of dentistry, the knowledge of
10 which is necessary to the proper and skillful practice of said science.
11 The board may also require from applicants, as part of the examina-
12 tion, demonstration of their skill in operative and prosthetic
13 dentistry. No person shall be examined by the board unless he is
14 **[a citizen of the United States of America,]** at least **[twenty-one]**
15 *18* years of age, of good moral character, and shall present to the
16 board a certificate from the Commissioner of Education of this
17 State, showing that before entering a dental college he had obtained
18 an academic education consisting of a four years' course of study in
19 an approved public or private high school or the equivalent thereof,
20 unless he has been graduated in course with a dental degree from a
21 dental school, college or department of a university approved by the

**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 printed in italics thus is new matter.

22 board, or holds a diploma or license conferring full right to practice
23 dentistry in some foreign country and granted by some authority
24 recognized by the board. Any member of the board may inquire of
25 any applicant for examination concerning his qualifications, and
26 may take testimony of anyone in regard thereto, under oath, which
27 he is hereby empowered to administer.

28 *Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no person*
29 *who is a graduate of an unapproved dental school shall be examined*
30 *by the board unless he has successfully completed at least two years*
31 *of study of a board approved curriculum at a dental school, college*
32 *or department of a university approved by the board, with a dental*
33 *degree having been conferred by the school.*

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill requires that before a graduate of an unapproved dental school may be examined for licensure, he must complete at least two years of study at a dental school, college or department of a university approved by the board and receive a dental degree from that school.

There is a growing concern regarding the inconsistencies in the educational backgrounds of graduates of unapproved dental schools. An unapproved school is defined as one which has not received accreditation from the Commission on Dental Accreditation and is usually located outside of the United States and Canada. The majority of these schools are far below the standards required for an accredited institution.

Because of its concern for the welfare of the dental consumer, the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry has for several years been considering various proposals regarding the licensure of graduates of those schools. The problem the board faces, however, is that it does not have the manpower or ability to accredit dental schools due to the complexities of the evaluation process.

Currently, licensure is based upon graduation from a dental school approved by the Joint Commission of Dental Accreditation, passing parts I and II of the National Board Examination and passing all sections of the examination offered by the Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners (NERB). The NERB will not test any individual who is not a graduate of an accredited school and has not been awarded the basic degree in dentistry by that school.

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SENATE LABOR, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 4043

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 15, 1983

This bill requires that before a graduate of an unapproved dental school may be examined for licensure, he must complete at least two years of study at a dental school, college or department of a university approved by the board and receive a dental degree from that school, college or university.

A-3468 SIGNED, ET AL.

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JANUARY 17, 1984

A-4043, sponsored by Assemblyman Joseph Doria, D-Hudson, to provide that a graduate of an unapproved dental school may be examined for licensure in New Jersey only upon completion of at least two years of study at a dental school, college, or department of a university approved by the State Board of Dentistry and receive a dental degree from that institution.

A-4079, sponsored by Assemblyman Wayne Bryant, D-Camden, to appropriate \$75,000 to the Borough of Lawnside for the maintenance or construction of streets and roads.

A-4080, sponsored by Assemblyman John Doyle, D-Ocean, to permit any county or municipality to appropriate additional sums for the purchase of first aid equipment and supplies.

A-4101, also sponsored by Assemblyman Bryant, to provide supplemental assistance of \$94,000 to the City of Camden to maintain, improve and upgrade its tax collection procedures.

A-4113, sponsored by Assemblyman Chuck Hardwick, R-Union, to appropriate \$1,050,000 to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development; \$345,000 to the Department of Community Affairs; \$50,000 to the Department of Health, and \$80,000 to the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission. The funds are a part of the supplemental appropriations bill submitted by the Governor in November.

A-3881, sponsored by Assemblyman John Doyle, D-Ocean, to provide that no autopsy or dissection may be permitted if a surviving relative or friend objects to the procedure on the grounds that it was contrary to the decedent's religion.

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