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Sponsor(s): Senators Thibaudeau, Deccio, Franklin, Costa and Kohl-Welles

Brief Description: Increasing the supply of dentists to meet the critical shortage of dental providers in this state and underserved areas.

SB 5505 - DIGEST

Declares that an applicant holding a valid license currently engaged in practice in another state may be granted a license without examination required by this chapter, on payment of the required fees, if the commission determines that the applicant is a graduate of an approved dental school and conditions his or her practice in a critical needs area, as defined by the secretary considering federal guidelines for serving patients in underserved areas. After completing three years of practice in a critical needs area, the applicant may be granted a license without examination to practice anywhere in this state.

Provides that the commission may also require the applicant to: (1) File with the commission documentation certifying the applicant is licensed to practice in another state; and (2) provide information as the commission deems necessary pertaining to the conditions and criteria of the Uniform Disciplinary Act, chapter 18.130 RCW, and to demonstrate to the commission a knowledge of Washington law pertaining to the practice of dentistry.

Provides that an applicant holding a valid license and currently engaged as a dentist in military service in any state may be granted a license without examination required by chapter 18.32 RCW, on payment of the required fees, if the commission determines that the applicant is a graduate of an approved dental school.

Authorizes the commission to also require the applicant to: (1) File with the commission documentation certifying the applicant is licensed to practice in another state; and (2) provide information as the commission deems necessary pertaining to the conditions and criteria of the Uniform Disciplinary Act, chapter 18.130 RCW, and to demonstrate to the commission a knowledge of Washington law pertaining to the practice of dentistry.