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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1411**

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**By** House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, DeBolt, Riccelli, Caldier, Jinkins, and Appleton)

READ FIRST TIME 02/17/17.

1            AN ACT Relating to dental licensure through completion of a  
2 residency program; and reenacting and amending RCW 18.32.040.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.32.040 and 2005 c 454 s 2 and 2005 c 274 s 222  
5 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6            The commission shall require that every applicant for a license  
7 to practice dentistry shall:

8            (1) Present satisfactory evidence of graduation from a dental  
9 college, school, or dental department of an institution approved by  
10 the commission;

11           (2) Submit, for the files of the commission, a recent picture  
12 duly identified and attested; and

13           (3)(a) Pass an examination prepared or approved by and  
14 administered under the direction of the commission. The dentistry  
15 licensing examination shall consist of practical and written tests  
16 upon such subjects and of such scope as the commission determines.  
17 The commission shall set the standards for passing the examination.  
18 The secretary shall keep on file the examination papers and records  
19 of examination for at least one year. This file shall be open for  
20 inspection by the applicant or the applicant's agent unless the  
21 disclosure will compromise the examination process as determined by

1 the commission or is exempted from disclosure under chapter 42.56  
2 RCW.

3 (b) The commission may accept, in lieu of all or part of the  
4 written examination required in (a) of this subsection, a certificate  
5 granted by a national or regional testing organization approved by  
6 the commission.

7 (c) The commission shall accept, in lieu of the practical  
8 examination required in (a) of this subsection, proof that an  
9 applicant has satisfactorily completed a ~~((postdoctoral—dental  
10 residency program))~~ general practice residency, pediatric residency,  
11 or advanced education in general dentistry residency program in  
12 Washington state accredited by the commission on dental accreditation  
13 of the American dental association ~~((and—approved—by—the  
14 commission)),~~ of at least one ~~((to—three))~~ year's duration, in a  
15 ~~((community—health—clinic))~~ residency program that serves  
16 predominantly low-income patients ~~((or is located in a dental care  
17 health professional shortage area in this state, and that includes an  
18 outcome assessment evaluation, other than the western regional  
19 examining board's clinical examination, assessing the resident's  
20 competence to practice dentistry. The commission shall develop  
21 criteria, consistent with the standards of the commission on dental  
22 accreditation of the American dental association, for community  
23 clinics to use when sponsoring students in a residency program under  
24 this subsection, including guidelines for the proper supervision of  
25 the resident and measuring the resident's competence to practice  
26 dentistry)).~~

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