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By Representatives Cody, DeBolt, Riccelli, Caldier, Jinkins, and Appleton

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

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