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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-175, RELATING TO requirements for RESTRICTED INSTRUCTORs’ LICENSES ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY, SO AS TO remove limitations on certain credentialing requirements.

Amend Title To Conform

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 40-15-175 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-15-175. (A) The State Board of Dentistry may issue a restricted instructor's license to a dentist who:

(1) holds a valid license to practice dentistry in another state, country, or territory;

(2) has met or been approved under the credentialing standards of the Medical University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine or at a board-recognized, hospital-based residency program which must be situated in this State and with which the person is to be affiliated;

(3) has successfully completed:

(a) the final two years of a program leading to the doctor of dental surgery degree (D.D.S.) or doctor of dental medicine degree (D.M.D.) at an accredited dental school approved by the board;

(b) at least a two-year Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) approved advanced education program in a dental specialty recognized by the American Dental Association; or

(c) has successfully completed at least a two-year CODA-approved advanced education program in general dentistry;

(4) has not been refused a license or had a license revoked in this State or another state, country, or territory;

(5) passes an examination on jurisprudence as prescribed by the board; and

(6) is teaching dental medicine in South Carolina full-time at the Medical University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine or at a board-recognized, hospital-based residency program situated in this State.

(B) The board may waive requirement found in subsection (A)(3) if the applicant has a full-time academic faculty appointment at the rank of assistant professor or greater in a dental school in this State accredited by CODA.

(B)(C) A dentist with a restricted instructor's license is authorized to practice at or on behalf of the Medical University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine or at a board-recognized, hospital-based residency program situated in this State. The holder of a restricted instructor's license may practice general dentistry or in his area of specialty, but only in a clinic or office affiliated with the dental school or with a hospital-based residency program. A restricted instructor's license issued to a faculty member under this section terminates immediately and automatically, without any further action by the board, if the holder ceases to be a faculty member at the dental school or at a board-recognized, hospital-based residency program in this State.

(C)(D) A restricted instructor's license must be renewed biennially in accordance with procedures and fees as established by the board in regulation.

(D)(E) A dentist holding a restricted instructor's license issued pursuant to this section is subject to the provisions of this chapter and regulations promulgated under this chapter unless otherwise provided for in this section. The board may revoke a restricted instructor's license for a violation of this chapter or regulations promulgated under this chapter or if the holder fails to supply the board, within ten days of its request, with information as to his or her current status and activities in the teaching program.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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