

ACT 69

S.B. NO. 2897

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Dental Examination.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 447-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) Two examinations shall be held in each year at the time the board designates. The examinations shall cover subjects considered essential by the board for a dental hygienist and shall likewise include a practical examination on the removal of deposits or stains from the surfaces of the teeth. The board shall furnish a chair and engine, but the applicant shall supply all necessary instruments, materials, and patients for the examination.

If the board is unable to administer an examination, a qualified applicant for the canceled board examination shall meet the board’s examination requirement if the applicant:

- (1) Within one year prior to the canceled board examination passed a regional or state examination satisfactory to the board; or
- (2) Prior to the board's next administered examination takes and passes a regional or state examination satisfactory to the board."

SECTION 2. Section 448-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“§448-9 Application for examination for graduates of dental colleges accredited by the American Dental Association[.] Commission on Dental Accreditation.** Any person of eighteen years or more shall be eligible to take an examination before the board upon submission of:

- (1) An application on a form prescribed by the board to the executive secretary of the board not later than sixty days prior to the date of the scheduled examination;
- (2) Application and examination fees; and
- (3) Documentation and credentials that shall include but are not limited to the following:
  - (A) A diploma or certificate of graduation from a dental college accredited by the [Council of Dental Education of the] American Dental Association[;] Commission on Dental Accreditation, recognized and approved by the board; and
  - (B) A certificate or other evidence satisfactory to the board of having passed parts I and II of the [examination of the] National Board [of] Dental [Examiners.] Examination."

SECTION 3. Section 448-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“§448-10 Examination; time.** [~~(a)~~] The board shall require all applicants to take the state written and practical examination on dentistry. In administering the examination the State shall consider current trends in dental education. The requirements for the examination in operative and laboratory dentistry shall be decided by the board and mailed to each applicant. All instruments, materials, and patients shall be supplied by the applicant. Two examinations shall be held each year.

If the board is unable to administer an examination, a qualified applicant for the canceled board examination shall meet the board's examination requirement if the applicant:

- (1) Within one year prior to the canceled board examination passed a regional or state examination satisfactory to the board; or
- (2) Prior to the board's next administered examination takes and passes a regional or state examination satisfactory to the board.

~~[(b) The board shall establish and administer a restorative technique examination to all qualified applicants under section 448-9.5. In administering the examination the State shall consider current trends in dental education. No applicant shall be permitted to take the practical examination under subsection (a) unless the applicant has passed the restorative techniques examination.]”~~

SECTION 4. Section 448-9.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed.

SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.<sup>1</sup> New statutory material is underscored.

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**SECTION 6.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
(Approved May 12, 2004.)

**Note**

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.