

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 491

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLMOTT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

DENTISTRY/DENTISTS: Amends the requirements for dental license applicants

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:761(A)(1), relative to qualifications of applicants for a dental
3 license; to allow persons with valid and current legal authority to reside and work in
4 the United States to apply for a dental license; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:761(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §761. Requirements of applicants for dental license

8 A. The board shall require that every applicant for a dental license shall:

9 (1) Be a citizen or ~~a permanent resident of the United States unless otherwise~~
10 ~~prohibited by the North American Free Trade Agreement~~ possess valid and current
11 legal authority to reside and work in the United States duly issued by the United
12 States Citizenship and Immigration Services or its successor.

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14 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
15 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
16 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
17 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
18 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows persons with valid and current legal authority to reside and work in the U.S. to apply for a dental license.

Present law requires an applicant for a dental license to be either a citizen or a permanent resident of the U.S., unless otherwise prohibited by the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Proposed law changes the requirement to be a permanent resident to a requirement to possess valid and current legal authority to reside and work in the U.S. duly issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services or its successor.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 37:761(A)(1))