

HOUSE No. 4269

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to dental licensing exams.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by striking out section 47 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

3 Section 47. The examination may be written or oral or both, at the option of the board,
4 and may include the principal subjects taught in reputable dental colleges. Demonstrations in
5 operative and prosthetic dentistry, diagnosis and prognosis may be required; provided, however,
6 the examination shall not require the performance of any procedure upon a live patient.

7 SECTION 2. Not later than July 1, 2021, the board of registration in dentistry shall
8 approve an examination that does not require the performance of any procedure upon a live
9 patient. Until such time, the board shall continue to approve the current examination including
10 the performance of an irreversible procedure upon a live patient.