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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health-related licensing; modifying specialty dentistry licensure practice
1.3 limitation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 150A.06, subdivision 1c.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 150A.06, subdivision 1c, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 1c. **Specialty dentists.** (a) The board may grant one or more specialty licenses in
1.7 the specialty areas of dentistry that are recognized by the Commission on Dental
1.8 Accreditation.

1.9 (b) An applicant for a specialty license shall:

1.10 (1) have successfully completed a postdoctoral specialty program accredited by the
1.11 Commission on Dental Accreditation, or have announced a limitation of practice before
1.12 1967;

1.13 (2) have been certified by a specialty board approved by the Minnesota Board of
1.14 Dentistry, or provide evidence of having passed a clinical examination for licensure required
1.15 for practice in any state or Canadian province, or in the case of oral and maxillofacial
1.16 surgeons only, have a Minnesota medical license in good standing;

1.17 (3) have been in active practice or a postdoctoral specialty education program or United
1.18 States government service at least 2,000 hours in the 36 months prior to applying for a
1.19 specialty license;

1.20 (4) if requested by the board, be interviewed by a committee of the board, which may
1.21 include the assistance of specialists in the evaluation process, and satisfactorily respond to

2.1 questions designed to determine the applicant's knowledge of dental subjects and ability to
2.2 practice;

2.3 (5) if requested by the board, present complete records on a sample of patients treated
2.4 by the applicant. The sample must be drawn from patients treated by the applicant during
2.5 the 36 months preceding the date of application. The number of records shall be established
2.6 by the board. The records shall be reasonably representative of the treatment typically
2.7 provided by the applicant for each specialty area;

2.8 (6) at board discretion, pass a board-approved English proficiency test if English is not
2.9 the applicant's primary language;

2.10 (7) pass all components of the National Board Dental Examinations;

2.11 (8) pass the Minnesota Board of Dentistry jurisprudence examination;

2.12 (9) abide by professional ethical conduct requirements; and

2.13 (10) meet all other requirements prescribed by the Board of Dentistry.

2.14 (c) The application must include:

2.15 (1) a completed application furnished by the board;

2.16 (2) a nonrefundable fee; and

2.17 (3) a copy of the applicant's government-issued photo identification card.

2.18 (d) A specialty dentist holding one or more specialty licenses is limited to practicing in
2.19 the dentist's designated specialty area or areas. The scope of practice must be defined by
2.20 each national specialty board recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

2.21 ~~(e) A specialty dentist holding a general dental license is limited to practicing in the~~
2.22 ~~dentist's designated specialty area or areas if the dentist has announced a limitation of~~
2.23 ~~practice. The scope of practice must be defined by each national specialty board recognized~~
2.24 ~~by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.~~

2.25 ~~(f)~~ (e) All specialty dentists who have fulfilled the specialty dentist requirements and
2.26 who intend to limit their practice to a particular specialty area or areas may apply for one
2.27 or more specialty licenses.