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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - DENTISTS AND DENTAL
HYGIENISTS

Introduced By: Senators Ottiano, Nesselbush, Crowley, Sosnowski, and Walaska

Date Introduced: February 27, 2014

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

(Health)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-31.1-23 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-31.1 entitled "Dentists
2 and Dental Hygienists" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-31.1-23. Limited registration -- Academic faculty -- Fees. --** (a) Notwithstanding any
4 other provisions of this chapter, a dentist of noteworthy and recognized professional attainment,
5 who is a clearly outstanding dentist and who has been offered an academic appointment by the
6 dean of a medical school, dental school, or school of dental hygiene or by the director of a post-
7 doctoral dental education program accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission
8 on Dental Accreditation (CODA) in this state ~~a full-time academic appointment~~, is eligible for a
9 limited registration while serving on the academic staff of the medical school, dental school, ~~or~~
10 school of dental hygiene, or program director of a CODA-accredited post-doctoral dental
11 education program. Upon recommendation of the dean of an accredited school of medicine,
12 dentistry, ~~or~~ school of dental hygiene, or program director of a CODA-accredited post-doctoral
13 dental education program in this state, the board in its discretion, after being satisfied that the
14 applicant is a graduate of a foreign dental school and a person of professional rank whose
15 knowledge and special training will benefit that medical school, dental school, ~~or~~ school of dental
16 hygiene, or CODA-accredited post-doctoral dental education program may issue to that dentist a
17 limited registration to engage in the practice of dentistry to the extent that the practice is
18 incidental to a necessary part of his or her academic appointment and then only in the hospital or

1 hospitals and out-patient clinics connected with the medical school, dental school, ~~or~~ school of
2 dental hygiene, [or CODA-accredited post-doctoral dental education program](#).

3 (b) Except to the extent authorized by this section, the registrant shall not engage in the
4 practice of dentistry or receive compensation for it, unless he or she is issued a license to practice
5 dentistry in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. The registration is valid for a period of
6 not more than one year expiring on the 30th day of June following its initial effective date but
7 may be renewed annually. The registration shall automatically expire when the holder's
8 relationship with the medical school, dental school, ~~or~~ school of dental hygiene, [or CODA-](#)
9 [accredited post-doctoral dental education program](#) is terminated.

10 (c) The application fee for the registration authorized and for initial annual renewal
11 under this section is as set forth in § 23-1-54. Subsequently, fees are as promulgated by the
12 director.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would enable a dentist to be issued a limited registration to engage in the practice
2 of dentistry if the dentist holds a position that is a CODA-accredited post-doctoral dental
3 education program.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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