

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

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**An Act To Modify the Qualifications for Resident Dentist Licensure**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** immediate enactment of this legislation regarding resident dentist licensure is necessary to timely give the Board of Dental Practice statutory authority to consider educational equivalency in an applicant's meeting educational qualifications for licensure, to remove unnecessary examinations for licensure and to allow the board to grant a license to a qualified dentist to obtain supervised, clinical experience in Maine while enrolled in a dental residency program; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §18342, sub-§6, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is amended to read:

A. Verification of a doctoral degree in dentistry from a dental school accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or its successor organization or the educational equivalent of a doctoral degree in dentistry as required by board rule;

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §18342, sub-§6, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is amended to read:

B. Verification of passing ~~all examinations~~ a jurisprudence examination as required by board rule;

**Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §18371, sub-§2, ¶E,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is amended to read:

E. An individual with a resident dentist license may provide dental services only under the supervision of the sponsoring dentist in a board-approved setting and in accordance with the level of supervision and control for which the license was issued by the board.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.