

No. 1982-208

AN ACT

HB 2066

Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.216, No.76), entitled "An act relating to dentistry; defining and providing for the licensing and registration of dentists and dental hygienists, and for the revocation and suspension of such licenses and registrations, subject to appeal, and for their reinstatement; defining the powers and duties of the State Dental Council and Examining Board and the Department of Public Instruction; providing penalties; and repealing existing laws," prohibiting the licensing of certain dental students as dental hygienists.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Clause (d) of section 3, act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.216, No.76), known as "The Dental Law," amended July 7, 1972 (P.L.759, No.178), is amended to read:

Section 3. General Powers of the State Dental Council and Examining Board.—The State Dental Council and Examining Board (hereinafter called the board), created, appointed, and organized in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Code, and its amendments, shall have power:

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(d) To provide for and to regulate the licensing, and to license as a dental hygienist, after examination, any duly qualified person, not less than eighteen years of age, of good moral character, not addicted to the use of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs, who has obtained the required education, together with a certificate or diploma from an approved institution or college for the training of dental hygienists, or who in lieu of such education and certificate or diploma from an approved institution or college for the training of dental hygienists, has had fifteen (15) or more years experience in the practice of dental hygiene, and who complies with all other requirements of law and submits an application for a license to practice dental hygiene on or before the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven **[or who is a full-time dental student having successfully completed at least four full semesters in an approved institution or college conferring established dental degrees]**.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all applicants on or after the effective date.

APPROVED—The 26th day of November, A. D. 1982.

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