

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2005 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB 2368

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☒ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** L. Preston Bryant, Jr.

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Licensure of dentists and dental hygienists; continuing education requirements; trade names

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Clarifies or revises various requirements for licensure to practice dentistry and dental hygiene, including the Board's inspection authority, nominations to the Governor for Board appointments, conditions for inactive licenses, permissible practices of dental assistants, authority to practice under a firm or trade name, and causes for suspension, revocation or other sanctions. The bill authorizes the Board of Dentistry to grant, without an additional examination, a license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in Virginia to persons holding current, unrestricted licenses to practice in another state who satisfy certain credentialing requirements. For example, out-of-state dentists will be required to have passed Part I and Part II of the examination given by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations, are of good moral character, graduates of accredited dental schools, have not failed a clinical examination in the past five years, and have been in continuous clinical practice for five of the six preceding years. The bill further clarifies the Board's authority and requirements for issuance of volunteer licenses to retired dentists or dental hygienists, licenses to teach dentistry, and temporary permits for clinicians. The Board must promulgate emergency regulations.

**6. Fiscal impact is minimal (see item 8)**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** It is expected that this legislation will result in additional licensure applications from dentists practicing in other states; however application/renewal fees are sufficient to cover any additional expenses.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:**  
Department of Health Professions

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** No

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