

## 2023 SESSION

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 2251

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 27 of Title 54.1 a section numbered 54.1-2708.4:1, relating to Board of Dentistry; applicants from other states without reciprocity; temporary licenses for practitioners of dentistry.

Patrons—Scott, P.A., Adams, D.M. and Price

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

#### Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-2708.4:1 as follows:

§ 54.1-2708.4:1. Applicants from other states without reciprocity; temporary licenses for practitioners of dentistry.

A. The Board may issue licenses to practice dentistry to applicants upon endorsement by boards or other appropriate authorities of other states or territories or the District of Columbia with which reciprocal relations have not been established if the credentials of such applicants are satisfactory and the examinations and passing grades required by such other boards are fully equal to those required by the Board.

The Board may issue licenses to applicants holding licenses from the national boards of their respective branches of dentistry if their credentials, schools of graduation, and national board examinations and results are acceptable to the Board. The Board shall promulgate regulations in order to carry out the provisions of this section.

B. The Board of Dentistry shall prioritize applicants for licensure as a dentist from such states that are contiguous with the Commonwealth in processing their applications for licensure by endorsement through a streamlined process, with a final determination regarding qualification to be made within 20 days of the receipt of a completed application of such applicant.

C. The Board may reject an application for licensure by endorsement if an applicant is found to not be in good standing in any state in which he has practiced in the five years preceding the submission of the application or if there is found to be a clear and present danger to patients related to the practice of dentistry by the applicant seeking licensure. If the Board rejects an application, an explanation as to the reason for the decision shall be provided to the applicant by mail within 30 days of the decision to reject the application.

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