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Overview

This is the Board of Dentistry policy bill making technical changes and allowing the board to assess increased penalties against licensees who fail professional audits. It removes the board's authority to waive certain clinical examinations.

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- **Resident dentist.** Amends § 150A.01, subd. 8a. Updates the title of an accreditation organization.
- **Dentists.** Amends § 150A.06, sub. 1. Updates the title of an accreditation organization.
- **Faculty dentists.** Amends § 150A.06, subd. 1a. Strikes obsolete language.
- **Specialty dentists.** Amends § 150A.06, subd. 1c. Clarifies that the board can issue one or more specialty licenses in the specialty areas of dentistry. Makes conforming changes.
- **Dental therapists.** Amends § 150.06, subd. 1d. Strikes outdated name of national accreditation organization.
- **Dental hygienists.** Amends § 150A.06, subd. 2. Updates the name of the national accrediting organization.
- **Licensed dental assistant.** Amends § 150A.06, subd. 2a. Updates the name of the national accrediting organization
- 8 Continuing education and professional development waiver. Amends § 150A.06, subd. 2d. Strikes the option of receiving CPR training from an entity equivalent to the Heart

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Association or the Red Cross so that CPR training must be obtained from either of these organizations.

- **Waiver of examination.** Amends § 150A.06, subd. 3. Strikes language that allowed the board to waive the clinical examination for applicants who completed a dentistry program outside the state.
- **Licensure by credential.** Amends § 150A.06, subd. 8. Updates the name of the national accrediting organization.
- **Initial license or permit fees.** Amends § 150A.091, subd. 3. Establishes nonrefundable license fees as an annual fee amount.
- **Duplicate license or certificate fee.** Amends § 150A.091, subd. 8. Establishes the fee for a wallet-sized license and renewal certificate.
- Failure of professional development portfolio audit. Amends § 150A.091, subd. 16. Modifies the consequences for failing a professional development portfolio audit. Increase the fee from not more than \$250 after failing two consecutive audits to not more than \$1,000 for failing two audits. Allows the board to initiate the complaint process when a licensee has multiple failed audits.
- Allied dental personnel. Amends § 150A.10. Makes a technical correction in reference to the title for dental assistants. Strikes "registered" and inserts "licensed or unlicensed." Dental assistants are licensed by the board, not registered.

Adds that a licensed dental hygienist or licensed dental assistant may place, contour, and adjust class II supragingival composite restorations on primary teeth.