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Overview

This is a Board of Dentistry policy bill that allows the board to assess increased fees on licensees who fail professional audits, allows dental assistants and dental hygienists to perform certain fillings above the gum line, and removes the board's authority to waive certain clinical examinations.

Section

- 1 Waiver of examination.** Amends § 150A.06, subd. 3. Strikes language allowing the board to waive the clinical examination for applicants who have completed an accredited postdoctoral general dentistry program located outside of Minnesota.
- 2 Failure of professional development portfolio audit.** Amends § 150A.091, subd. 16. Modifies the consequences for failing a professional development portfolio audit. Increases 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.
- 3 Dental assistants.** Amends § 150A.10, subd. 2. Makes a technical correction in reference to the title for dental assistants. Strikes the word "registered" and inserts "licensed or unlicensed."
- 4 Restorative procedures.** Amends § 150A.10, subd. 4. Adds that a licensed dental hygienist or licensed dental assistant may place, contour, and adjust class II supragingival composite restorations on primary teeth.