

**Subject** Board of Dentistry; regulation of dental professions

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## Overview

This bill modifies provisions in chapter 150A, including changes to requirements for applicants for a specialty license, examination requirements for dental assistants, guest licenses, emeritus active licensure, grounds for disciplinary action, fees, and collaborative practice agreements between dentists and dental hygienists. The bill also makes technical changes.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>Faculty dentist.</b> Amends § 150A.01, subd. 6a. Makes a technical change to the definition of faculty dentist in chapter 150A (dentistry), changing a reference from school of dentistry to dental education program.
2	<b>Practice of dentistry.</b> Amends § 150A.05, subd. 1. Makes a technical change to a subdivision listing actions included in the practice of dentistry, changing a reference from dental schools and colleges to dental education programs.
3	<b>Exemptions and exceptions of certain practices and operations.</b> Amends § 150A.05, subd. 2. Makes technical changes to a subdivision specifying practices that do not require an individual to be licensed under chapter 150A, changing references from school to education program.
4	<b>Dentists.</b> Amends § 150A.06, subd. 1. Makes technical changes to a subdivision listing qualifications required to apply for a license to practice dentistry, changing references from dental program and dental college to dental education program.

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5	<p><b>Faculty dentists.</b></p> <p>Amends § 150A.06, subd. 1a. Makes technical changes to a subdivision listing qualifications required for faculty dentist licensure, changing references from school to education program.</p>
6	<p><b>Resident dentists.</b></p> <p>Amends § 150A.06, subd. 1b. Makes a technical change to a subdivision listing qualifications required for licensure as a resident dentist, changing a reference from school to education program.</p>
7	<p><b>Specialty dentists.</b></p> <p>Amends § 150A.06, subd. 1b. Removes the following from the list of requirements an applicant for licensure in a specialty area of dentistry must complete:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ be interviewed by a committee of the Board of Dentistry, if requested by the board;</li><li>▪ present records of a sample of patients treated by the applicant, if requested by the board; and</li><li>▪ pass a board-approved English proficiency test, at board discretion.</li></ul> <p>Updates the name of a national commission that recognizes specialty areas of dentistry.</p>
8	<p><b>Dental hygienists.</b></p> <p>Amends § 150A.06, subd. 2. Makes a technical change to a subdivision listing qualifications required for licensure as a dental hygienist, changing a reference from program to education program.</p>
9	<p><b>Licensed dental assistant.</b></p> <p>Amends § 150A.06, subd. 2. Removes language prohibiting an applicant for licensure as a dental assistant from retaking the licensing examination after failing the examination twice until the applicant completes additional education and training. Also makes a technical change, changing a reference from program to education program.</p>
10	<p><b>Guest license.</b></p> <p>Amends § 150A.06, subd. 2c. Makes dental therapists eligible for guest licensure. (Under current law dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants are eligible for guest licensure. An individual can obtain a guest license if the individual is currently licensed and practicing in another jurisdiction, will only practice in a nonprofit public health setting, and agrees to treat indigent patients.)</p>

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11	<p><b>Continuing education and professional development waiver.</b></p> <p>Amends § 150A.06, subd. 2d. Modifies eligibility requirements for waiving continuing education requirements for retired dental professions, by changing requirements for settings in which such a dental professional must provide services. Under current law the setting must serve patients who are indigent or recipients of medical assistance or MinnesotaCare; this subdivision specifies the setting must serve patients without dental coverage and whose annual gross income is equal to or less than 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. Also removes references to the certification organizations for CPR certification.</p>
12	<p><b>Waiver of examination.</b></p> <p>Amends § 150A.06, subd. 3. Makes a technical change to a subdivision allowing the board to waive examination requirements, changing a reference from school to education program.</p>
13	<p><b>Licensure by credentials; dental assistant.</b></p> <p>Amends § 150A.06, subd. 8. Makes technical changes to a subdivision governing licensure by credential for dental assistants, changing references from program to education program.</p>
14	<p><b>Graduates of nonaccredited dental education programs.</b></p> <p>Amends § 150A.06, subd. 9. Makes technical changes to a subdivision governing licensure of graduates of nonaccredited programs, by changing references from program to education program.</p>
15	<p><b>Emeritus active licensure.</b></p> <p>Amends § 150A.06, subd. 11. Specifies an emeritus active license expires 30 days after the board provides notice that the emeritus active licensee failed to renew the license. Removes specific requirements for continuing education for emeritus active licensees, and instead requires these licensees to meet the professional development requirements in rule. (Rules require dentists and dental therapists to complete 25 hours of continuing education, 15 of which must be fundamental activities, and dental hygienists and assistants to complete 13 hours, seven of which must be fundamental activities.)</p>
16	<p><b>Licensure by credentials; dental therapist.</b></p> <p>Amends § 150A.06, subd. 12. Makes a technical change to a subdivision governing licensure by credential for dental therapists, by changing a reference from program to education program.</p>

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17	<p><b>Grounds.</b></p> <p>Amends § 150A.08, subd. 1. Makes it a ground for disciplinary action if a dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant is convicted of a felony-level criminal sexual conduct offense. Removes from the grounds for disciplinary action, habitual overindulgence in intoxicating liquors. Makes other technical changes to grounds for disciplinary action.</p>
18	<p><b>Access to data on licensee.</b></p> <p>Amends § 150A.081, subd. 1. Strikes a cross-reference to a ground for disciplinary action being deleted from section 150A.08, subdivision 1.</p>
19	<p><b>Application and initial license or registration fees.</b></p> <p>Amends § 150A.091, subd. 2. Makes a technical change to a subdivision governing licensing fees for dentists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants.</p>
20	<p><b>Annual license renewal fees.</b></p> <p>Amends § 150A.091, subd. 4. Adds a \$50 fee for a guest license for dentists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants.</p>
21	<p><b>Biennial license or registration renewal fees.</b></p> <p>Amends § 150A.091, subd. 5. Makes a technical change to a subdivision governing license or registration renewal fees for dentists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants.</p>
22	<p><b>Biennial license or registration late fee.</b></p> <p>Amends § 150A.091, subd. 7. Makes a technical change to a subdivision governing late fees for licensure or registration of dentists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants.</p>
23	<p><b>Duplicate renewal certification or registration fee.</b></p> <p>Amends § 150A.091, subd. 8. Eliminates a fee for a duplicate of an original dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant license, and adds a \$10 fee for a duplicate of a biennial renewal registration.</p>
24	<p><b>Credential review; nonaccredited dental education program.</b></p> <p>Amends § 150A.091, subd. 9a. Makes a technical change to a subdivision governing credential review of graduates of nonaccredited programs, changing a reference from college to education program.</p>

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25	<b>Reinstatement fee.</b> Amends § 150A.091, subd. 10. Adds a \$24 fee to reinstate a dental assistant with limited radiology registration.
26	<b>Emeritus active license.</b> Amends § 150A.091, subd. 20. Clarifies that emeritus active licenses must be renewed every two years.
27	<b>Emeritus active license late fee.</b> Adds subd. 20a to § 150A.091. Requires the board to assess a late fee of 25 percent of the biennial renewal fee for emeritus active license applications submitted late.
28	<b>Dental hygienists.</b> Amends § 150A.10, subd. 1. Makes a technical change to a subdivision governing the practice of dental hygienists, changing a reference from school to education program.
29	<b>Collaborative practice authorization for dental hygienists in community settings.</b> Amends § 150A.10, subd. 1a. Allows a dentist to enter into collaborative agreements with up to eight dental hygienists, rather than up to four dental hygienists as in current law. Also makes a technical change, changing a reference from school to education program.
30	<b>Restorative procedures.</b> Amends § 150A.10, subd. 4. Modifies the description of the services dental hygienists and dental assistants may provide regarding composite restorations.
31	<b>Definitions.</b> Amends § 150A.105, subd. 8. In a section governing the practice of dental therapists, removes duplicative language from the definition of practice settings that serve the low-income and underserved.
32	<b>Practice limitation.</b> Amends § 150A.106, subd. 3. In a subdivision governing the practice of dental therapists, strikes language making a collaborating dentist responsible for providing or arranging for another dentist or specialist if a patient needs advanced services.
33	<b>Unlawful practice.</b> Amends § 150A.11, subd. 1. Makes a technical change to a subdivision listing unlawful practices related to the practice of dentistry, changing a reference from school to education program.

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34	<p data-bbox="316 262 1429 294"><b>Repealer.</b></p> <p data-bbox="316 304 1429 459">Repeals § 150A.06, subd. 6 (requiring renewal certificates to be displayed in every office where a person practices; requiring the name of each dentist practicing in a dental office to be displayed near the office entrance; requiring the board to allow guest license holders to display mini-licenses).</p>



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