

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB148

Hearing Date: Thursday January 30, 2025
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Hansen
One Liner: Change requirements for licensure and reciprocity under the Dentistry Practice Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Meyer, Hardin, Quick, Riepe
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Ben Hansen
Jillian Wallen
Jessica Meeske
Megan Louder
Luke Andreasen
Timothy Tesmer, MD

Joseph O'Brien
Amy Behnke
Joey Enright

Opponents:

Neutral:

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Creighton School of Dentistry
Nebraska Dental Association
student
student
Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health and Human Services
student
Health Center Association of Nebraska
Nebraska Dental Hygienists Association

Representing:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 148 changes the examination requirements for a dental license by requiring an Integrated National Dental Board examination. The examination shall be required to be simulation-based or manikin-based. Also, the reciprocity requirement for a dental license is reduced from 3 years to 1 year.

SECTION BY SECTION SUMMARY:

Sec. 1: Requires applicant for a dental license to pass an examination consisting of the Integrated National Board



Dental Examination, both Part I and Part II of the National Board Dental Examination.

Requires applicant for a dental license to demonstrate the applicant's psychomotor skill in clinical dentistry by passing a standardized national examination approved by the Board of Dentistry (Board). The current language requiring the practical examination administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service or any other regional or state practical examination is removed.

An examination approved by the Board under this section is required to be simulation-based or manikin-based clinical competency psychomotor examination that demonstrates evidence of psychometric soundness. The examination shall include a periodontal component, restorative component, prosthodontic component, endodontic component and remediation policy to address candidate deficiencies.

The Board may review examinations annually and shall review examinations every 3 years.

Sec. 2: Every applicant for a dental license shall have been actively engaged in the practice of dentistry for at least one year, instead of 3 years, under a license from another state/territory.

Brian Hardin, Chairperson

