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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 148**

Introduced by Hansen, 16.

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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Dentistry Practice Act; to amend
- 2 sections 38-1117 and 38-1120, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska;
- 3 to change requirements for licensure and reciprocity as prescribed;
- 4 and to repeal the original sections.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           **Section 1.** Section 38-1117, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3           38-1117 (1) Every applicant for a license to practice dentistry  
4 shall (a) present proof of graduation with a Doctor of Dental Surgery  
5 degree or a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from an accredited school or  
6 college of dentistry, (b) pass an examination approved by the Board of  
7 Dentistry which shall consist of the Integrated National Board Dental  
8 Examination or Examinations, both Part I and Part II of the National  
9 Board Dental Examination, as constructed and administered by the American  
10 Dental Association Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations, (c)  
11 demonstrate the applicant's psychomotor skill in clinical dentistry by  
12 passing a standardized national examination approved by the practical  
13 examination administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service  
14 or any other regional or state practical examination that the board Board  
15 of Dentistry determines to be comparable to such practical examination,  
16 (d) pass a jurisprudence examination approved by the board that is based  
17 on the Nebraska statutes, rules, and regulations governing the practice  
18 of dentistry and dental hygiene, and (e) demonstrate continuing clinical  
19 competency as a condition of licensure if required by the board.

20           (2)(a) An examination approved by the board under subdivision (1)(c)  
21 of this section shall be a simulation-based or manikin-based clinical  
22 competency psychomotor examination that demonstrates evidence of  
23 psychometric soundness and shall include (i) a simulation-based or  
24 manikin-based periodontal component, (ii) a simulation-based or manikin-  
25 based restorative component, (iii) a simulation-based or manikin-based  
26 prosthodontic component, (iv) a simulation-based or manikin-based  
27 endodontic component, and (v) a remediation policy to address candidate  
28 deficiencies.

29           (b) The board may review examinations annually and shall review  
30 examinations at least every three years.

31           (3) {2} Upon completion of these requirements, the department, with

1 the recommendation of the board, shall issue the applicant a license to  
2 practice dentistry.

3 **Sec. 2.** Section 38-1120, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:

5 38-1120 Every applicant for a license to practice dentistry based on  
6 a license in another state or territory of the United States or the  
7 District of Columbia shall meet the standards set by the board pursuant  
8 to section 38-126 and shall have been actively engaged in the practice of  
9 dentistry for at least one year ~~three years, one of which must be within~~  
10 ~~the three years immediately preceding the application,~~ under a license in  
11 another state or territory of the United States or the District of  
12 Columbia. Practice in an accredited school or college of dentistry for  
13 the purpose of completing a postgraduate or residency program in  
14 dentistry also serves as active practice toward meeting this requirement.

15 **Sec. 3.** Original sections 38-1117 and 38-1120, Reissue Revised  
16 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.