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A Bill

SENATE BILL 93

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE REGARDING A COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY; TO CLARIFY THAT THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION IS THE ACCREDITING ENTITY FOR A COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE REGARDING A COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY; AND TO CLARIFY THAT THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION IS THE ACCREDITING ENTITY FOR A COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-82-108 is repealed.

~~17-82-108. Dental colleges.~~

~~No college of dentistry shall be considered reputable by the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners unless it possesses the following qualifications:~~

~~(1) It shall be chartered under the laws of the state, territory, or the District of Columbia in which it is located and operated and shall be authorized by its charter to confer the degree of "Doctor of Dental Surgery" or "Doctor of Medical Dentistry";~~

~~(2) It shall deliver annually a full course of lectures or instruction by a competent faculty or corps of instructors on the following subjects: anatomy, chemistry, physiology, histology, materia medica,~~



~~therapeutics, dental metallurgy, pathology, bacteriology, operative dentistry, prosthetic dentistry, crown and bridge work, orthodontics, oral surgery, oral hygiene, administration of anesthetics, radiography, and such other subjects as may be recommended by the American Dental Association Council. Each course of instruction shall consist of not fewer than four (4) terms and of not fewer than thirty two (32) weeks of six (6) days for each term;~~

~~(3) It shall possess apparatus and equipment adequate and sufficient for the ready and full teaching of the foregoing subjects; and~~

~~(4) It shall be recognized as being reputable by the American Dental Association Council before being recognized as such by the board.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-82-302(3)-(5), concerning the exemptions to the licensure for dentistry, are amended to read as follows:

(3)~~(A)~~ Acts that would otherwise constitute practicing dentistry or the practice of ~~dentistry~~ or dental hygiene by students under the supervision of instructors in any dental college, university, hospital or institution, or dental department of any college, university, hospital or institution, or school of dental hygiene ~~in this state that is recognized as being reputable by the Council on Dental Education and Licensure of the American Dental Association~~ accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and approved by the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners or an affiliated site of a dental college, university, hospital or institution, or school of dental hygiene that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and approved by the board-

~~(B) The acts described in subdivision (3)(A) of this section are those performed within the educational facility incident to a course of study or training and are not carried on for personal profit;~~

(4)(A) Acts that would otherwise constitute ~~the practice of~~ practicing dentistry by a graduate of a college of dentistry approved by the board who is engaged in an internship or residency program in a dental college, university, hospital or institution, or dental department of any college, university, hospital or institution ~~in this state that is recognized as reputable by the Council on Dental Education and Licensure of the American Dental Association~~ accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and approved by the board or an affiliated site of a dental college, university,

hospital or institution, or school of dental hygiene that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and approved by the board.

(B) The acts described in subdivision (4)(A) of this section are those performed within the facility pursuant to the internship or residency program, and the intern or resident serves without fee or compensation other than that received in salary or other authorized allowances;

~~(5)(A) Acts that would otherwise constitute the practice of practicing dentistry by a graduate of a college of dentistry approved by the board who is engaged in teaching dentistry in a dental college, university, hospital or institution, or dental department of any college, university, hospital or institution in this state that is recognized as reputable by the Council on Dental Education and Licensure of the American Dental Association accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and approved by the board or an affiliated site of a dental college, university, hospital or institution, or school of dental hygiene that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and approved by the board-~~

~~(B) The acts described in subdivision (5)(A) of this section are those performed within the facility pursuant to the teaching appointment, and the person serves without fee or compensation other than that received in salary or other authorized allowances;~~

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