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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 32-1232, 32-1284 AND 32-1297.01, ARIZONA REVISED
STATUTES; RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-1232, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 32-1232. Qualifications of applicant; application; fee;
5 fingerprint clearance card

6 A. An applicant for licensure shall meet the requirements of
7 section 32-1233 and shall hold a diploma conferring a degree of doctor of
8 dental medicine or doctor of dental surgery from a recognized dental
9 school.

10 B. Each candidate shall submit a written application to the board
11 accompanied by a nonrefundable Arizona dental jurisprudence examination
12 fee of \$300. The board shall waive this fee for candidates who are
13 applying for a restricted permit. Each candidate shall also obtain a
14 valid fingerprint clearance card issued pursuant to section 41-1758.03.

15 C. The board may deny an application for a license, for license
16 renewal or for a restricted permit if the applicant:

17 1. Has committed any act that would be cause for censure, probation
18 or suspension or revocation of a license under this chapter.

19 2. While unlicensed, committed or aided and abetted the commission
20 of any act for which a license is required by this chapter.

21 3. Knowingly made any false statement in the application.

22 4. Has had a license to practice dentistry revoked by a dental
23 regulatory board in another jurisdiction in the United States for an act
24 that occurred in that jurisdiction and that constitutes unprofessional
25 conduct pursuant to this chapter.

26 5. Is currently under suspension or restriction by a dental
27 regulatory board in another jurisdiction in the United States for an act
28 that occurred in that jurisdiction and that constitutes unprofessional
29 conduct pursuant to this chapter.

30 6. Has surrendered, relinquished or given up a license to practice
31 dentistry in lieu of disciplinary action by a dental regulatory board in
32 another jurisdiction in the United States for an act that occurred in that
33 jurisdiction and that constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to this
34 chapter.

35 7. BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026 OR WHEN APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU
36 OF INVESTIGATION, HAS NOT MAINTAINED A VALID FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE CARD
37 ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-1758.03.

38 D. The board shall suspend an application for a license, for
39 license renewal or for a restricted permit if the applicant is currently
40 under investigation by a dental regulatory board in another jurisdiction.
41 The board shall not issue or deny a license to the applicant until the
42 investigation is resolved.

1 Sec. 2. Section 32-1284, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
2 read:

3 32-1284. Qualifications of applicant; application; fee;
4 fingerprint clearance card; rules; denial or
5 suspension of application

6 A. An applicant for licensure as a dental hygienist shall be at
7 least eighteen years of age, shall meet the requirements of section
8 32-1285 and shall present to the board evidence of graduation or a
9 certificate of satisfactory completion in a course or curriculum in dental
10 hygiene from a recognized dental hygiene school. A candidate shall make
11 written application to the board accompanied by a nonrefundable Arizona
12 dental jurisprudence examination fee of \$100. The board shall waive this
13 fee for candidates who are holders of valid restricted permits. Each
14 candidate shall also obtain a valid fingerprint clearance card issued
15 pursuant to section 41-1758.03.

16 B. The board shall adopt rules that govern the practice of dental
17 hygienists and that are not inconsistent with this chapter.

18 C. The board may deny an application for licensure or an
19 application for license renewal if the applicant:

20 1. Has committed an act that would be cause for censure, probation
21 or suspension or revocation of a license under this chapter.

22 2. While unlicensed, committed or aided and abetted the commission
23 of an act for which a license is required by this chapter.

24 3. Knowingly made any false statement in the application.

25 4. Has had a license to practice dental hygiene revoked by a
26 regulatory board in another jurisdiction in the United States for an act
27 that occurred in that jurisdiction and that constitutes unprofessional
28 conduct pursuant to this chapter.

29 5. Is currently under suspension or restriction by a regulatory
30 board in another jurisdiction in the United States for an act that
31 occurred in that jurisdiction and that constitutes unprofessional conduct
32 pursuant to this chapter.

33 6. Has surrendered, relinquished or given up a license to practice
34 dental hygiene instead of disciplinary action by a regulatory board in
35 another jurisdiction in the United States for an act that occurred in that
36 jurisdiction and that constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to this
37 chapter.

38 7. BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026 OR WHEN APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU
39 OF INVESTIGATION, HAS NOT MAINTAINED A VALID FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE CARD
40 ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-1758.03.

41 D. The board shall suspend an application for a license if the
42 applicant is currently under investigation by a dental regulatory board in
43 another jurisdiction. The board shall not issue or deny a license to the
44 applicant until the investigation is resolved.

1 Sec. 3. Section 32-1297.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
2 read:

3 32-1297.01. Application for certification; fingerprint
4 clearance card; denial; suspension

5 A. Each applicant for certification shall submit a written
6 application to the board accompanied by a nonrefundable jurisprudence
7 examination fee and obtain a valid fingerprint clearance card issued
8 pursuant to section 41-1758.03.

9 B. The board may deny an application for certification or for
10 certification renewal if the applicant:

11 1. Has committed any act that would be cause for censure,
12 probation, suspension or revocation of a certificate under this chapter.

13 2. Has knowingly made any false statement in the application.

14 3. While uncertified, has committed or aided and abetted the
15 commission of any act for which a certificate is required under this
16 chapter.

17 4. Has had a certificate to practice denture technology revoked by
18 a regulatory board in another jurisdiction in the United States or Canada
19 for an act that occurred in that jurisdiction and that constitutes
20 unprofessional conduct pursuant to this chapter.

21 5. Is currently under investigation, suspension or restriction by a
22 regulatory board in another jurisdiction in the United States or Canada
23 for an act that occurred in that jurisdiction and that constitutes
24 unprofessional conduct pursuant to this chapter.

25 6. Has surrendered, relinquished or given up a certificate to
26 practice denture technology in lieu of disciplinary action by a regulatory
27 board in another jurisdiction in the United States or Canada for an act
28 that occurred in that jurisdiction and that constitutes unprofessional
29 conduct pursuant to this chapter.

30 7. BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026 OR WHEN APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU
31 OF INVESTIGATION, HAS NOT MAINTAINED A VALID FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE CARD
32 ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-1758.03.

33 C. The board shall suspend an application for certification if the
34 applicant is currently under investigation by a denturist regulatory board
35 in another jurisdiction. The board shall not issue or deny certification
36 to the applicant until the investigation is resolved.