

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 687

## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRIS (140).

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal sections 332.181, 332.261, and 334.075, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to continuing education requirements for certain professionals.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 332.181, 332.261, and 334.075, RSMo, are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 332.181, 332.261, and 334.075, to read as follows:

332.181. 1. No person shall engage in the practice of dentistry in Missouri without having first secured a license as provided for in this chapter.

2. Any person desiring a license to practice dentistry in Missouri shall pay the required fee and make application to the board on a form prescribed by the board pursuant to section 332.141. An application for licensure shall be active for one year after the date it is received by the board. The application becomes void if not completed within such one-year period.

3. All persons once licensed to practice dentistry in Missouri shall renew his or her license to practice dentistry in Missouri on or before the license renewal date and shall display his or her license for each current licensing period in the office in which he or she practices or offers to practice dentistry.

4. Effective with the licensing period beginning on December 1, 2002, a license shall be renewed every two years. To renew a license, each dentist shall submit satisfactory evidence of completion of fifty hours of continuing education during the two-year period immediately preceding the renewal period. Each dentist shall maintain documentation of completion of the required continuing education hours as provided by rule. Failure to obtain the required continuing education hours, submit satisfactory evidence, or maintain documentation is a

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 violation of section 332.321. As provided by rule, the board may waive and/or extend the time  
18 requirements for completion of continuing education for reasons related to health, military  
19 service, foreign residency or for other good cause. All requests for waivers and/or extensions  
20 of time shall be made in writing and submitted to the board before the renewal date.

21 **5. For every eight hours of volunteer dental work performed by a licensed dentist**  
22 **in a 501(c)(3) entity, such licensed dentist shall receive eight hours of continuing education**  
23 **credit. A maximum of twenty-four hours of continuing education credit may be awarded**  
24 **per year under this distribution method.**

25 **6.** Any licensed dentist who fails to renew his or her license on or before the renewal  
26 date may apply to the board for renewal of his or her license within four years subsequent to the  
27 date of the license expiration. To renew an expired license, the person shall submit an  
28 application for renewal, pay the renewal fee and renewal penalty fee as set by rule, and submit  
29 satisfactory evidence of completion of at least fifty hours of continuing education for each  
30 renewal period that his or her license was expired as provided by rule. The required hours must  
31 be obtained within four years prior to renewal. The license of any dentist who fails to renew  
32 within four years of the time his or her license has expired shall be void. The dentist may apply  
33 for a new license; provided that, unless application is made under section 332.321, the dentist  
34 shall pay the same fees and be examined in the same manner as an original applicant for  
35 licensure as a dentist.

332.261. 1. No person shall engage in the practice of dental hygiene without having first  
2 secured a license as provided for in this chapter.

3 2. Any person desiring a license to practice dental hygiene in Missouri shall pay the  
4 required fee and make application to the board on a form prescribed by the board pursuant to  
5 section 332.241. An application for licensure shall be active for one year after the date it is  
6 received by the board. The application becomes void if not completed within such one-year  
7 period.

8 3. All persons once licensed to practice as a dental hygienist in Missouri shall renew his  
9 or her license to practice on or before the renewal date and shall display his or her license for  
10 each current licensing period in the office in which he or she practices or offers to practice as a  
11 dental hygienist.

12 4. Effective with the licensing period beginning on December 1, 2002, a license shall be  
13 renewed every two years. To renew a license, each dental hygienist shall submit satisfactory  
14 evidence of completion of thirty hours of continuing education during the two-year period  
15 immediately preceding the renewal period. Each dental hygienist shall maintain documentation  
16 of completion of the required continuing education hours as provided by rule. Failure to obtain  
17 the required continuing education hours, submit satisfactory evidence, or maintain

18 documentation is a violation of section 332.321 and may subject the licensee to discipline. As  
19 provided by rule, the board may waive and/or extend the time requirements for completion of  
20 the continuing education for reasons related to health, military service, foreign residency or for  
21 other good cause. All requests for waivers and/or extensions of time shall be made in writing  
22 and submitted to the board before the renewal date.

23 **5. For every eight hours of volunteer dental hygiene work performed by a licensed**  
24 **dental hygienist in a 501(c)(3) entity, such licensed dental hygienist shall receive eight hours**  
25 **of continuing education credit. A maximum of twenty-four hours of continuing education**  
26 **credit may be awarded per year under this distribution method.**

27 **6.** Any licensed dental hygienist who fails to renew his or her license on or before the  
28 renewal date may apply to the board for renewal of his or her license within four years  
29 subsequent to the date of the license expiration. To renew an expired license, the person shall  
30 submit an application for renewal, pay the renewal fee and renewal penalty fee as set by rule, and  
31 submit satisfactory evidence of completion of at least thirty hours of continuing education for  
32 each renewal period that his or her license was expired as provided by rule. The required hours  
33 must be obtained within four years prior to renewal. The license of any dental hygienist who  
34 fails to renew within four years of the time his or her license has expired shall be void. The  
35 dental hygienist may reapply for a license; provided that, unless application is made under  
36 section 332.281, the dental hygienist shall pay the same fees and be examined in the same  
37 manner as an original applicant for licensure as a dental hygienist.

334.075. **1.** The board shall not renew any certificate of registration unless the licensee  
2 shall provide satisfactory evidence that he has complied with the board's minimum requirements  
3 for continuing education. At the discretion of the board, compliance with the provisions of this  
4 section may be waived for licensed physicians who have discontinued their practice of medicine  
5 because of retirement.

6 **2. For every eight hours of volunteer work performed by a licensee in a 501(c)(3)**  
7 **entity, such licensee shall receive eight hours of continuing education credit. A maximum**  
8 **of twenty-four hours of continuing education credit may be awarded per year under this**  
9 **distribution method.**

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