

requiring a dentist or dental hygienist licensed in another state who applies for a general license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in this State to provide adequate evidence that the dentist or dental hygienist holds a license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in another state after passing a regional board or an exam other than a regional board that is similar to the exam for which the applicant is seeking waiver; defining certain terms; and generally relating to examination requirements for the licensure of dentists and dental hygienists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 4–306

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Health Occupations**

4–306.

(a) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “NERB” MEANS THE NORTH EAST REGIONAL BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS, INC.

(3) “PASSED A REGIONAL BOARD” MEANS AN APPLICANT EARNED A SCORE OF 75% IN EACH DISCIPLINE, CLINICAL SKILL, PROCEDURE, OR KNOWLEDGE AREA THAT IS TESTED ON THE NERB EXAMINATION USING THE INTERNAL WEIGHTING AND SCORING METHODS THE NERB USES TO SCORE THE NERB'S EXAMINATION OF DENTISTRY OR DENTAL HYGIENE, RESPECTIVELY.

(4) “REGIONAL BOARD” MEANS AN EXAMINATION OFFERED BY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DENTAL EXAMINATION ORGANIZATIONS:

(I) THE CENTRAL REGIONAL DENTAL TESTING SERVICE ~~CREDITS~~;

(II) THE NORTH EAST REGIONAL BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS, INC.;

(III) THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL TESTING AGENCY, INC.; AND

(IV) THE WESTERN REGIONAL EXAMINING BOARD, INC.

(B) (1) (I) A dentist licensed in any other state who[, for 5 preceding years, has been actively engaged in practicing dentistry] HAS PASSED A REGIONAL BOARD shall be granted a license in this State [after passing] IF THE APPLICANT PASSES THE FOLLOWING [an examination] EXAMINATIONS given BY OR DESIGNATED by the Board: