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An Act To Allow the Board of Dental Examiners To Grant Permits to Qualified Individuals To Practice as Dental Residents

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1086, as amended by PL 1997, c. 107, §7, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The board has the authority, upon presentation of satisfactory credentials and fulfillment of other conditions set by rule adopted by the board, to issue a permit to a graduate of an approved dental school or college who has not been licensed to practice dentistry in this State, who has passed an examination for licensure in this State and who, in the board's judgment, has not violated a provision of this chapter or rules adopted by the board to serve as a dental resident in a board-approved dental setting within the State. The board must, prior to the issuance of a permit under this paragraph, determine that the supervision and control of the services to be performed by the dental resident are adequate and that the performance of these services by the dental resident are within the dental resident's dental knowledge and skill. The dental resident must function under the supervision and direction of a dentist licensed in this State. A permit under this paragraph may not be valid for more than one year. The board may charge a fee up to \$50 for a permit.

SUMMARY

This bill allows the Board of Dental Examiners to issue a temporary permit to a qualified individual to practice as a dental resident under the supervision of a licensed dentist within a board-approved dental residency program setting.