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An Act To Amend the Postgraduate Education Requirements for Physicians Who Have Completed an Accredited Residency Program in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3271, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Postgraduate training; oral and maxillofacial surgeons. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 2, an applicant who meets the following requirements must be considered to have met the postgraduate training requirements of this section:

A. The applicant has been issued a license and an anesthesia permit by the Board of Dental Examiners under chapter 16;

B. The applicant has completed a postgraduate training program certified by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or its successor organization and containing a minimum of 12 months of general surgery training accredited by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education or its successor organization; and

C. The applicant has graduated from a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education or its successor organization.

Applicants qualifying for licensure under this subsection must be issued a license limited to the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery, as defined by routine technical rule adopted by the board pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The license of a licensee who meets the requirements of paragraphs A to C and who was issued an unrestricted license prior to January 1, 2010 may not be limited under this subsection.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §3271, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 380, §2, is amended to read:

7. Special license categories. The board may issue a license limited to the practice of administrative medicine or to the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery as defined by routine technical rule of the board adopted pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the postgraduate training requirements in the laws governing medical licenses to allow certain oral surgeons to qualify for a medical license that is limited to the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery, as defined by rule of the Board of Licensure in Medicine.

The bill provides that the license of a licensee who was issued an unrestricted license before January 1, 2010 may not be limited under the new provisions.