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H.B. No. 2849

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the qualifications for a coronal polishing certificate.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 265.006(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) To qualify for a coronal polishing certificate, an applicant must have at least two years' experience as a dental assistant and:

(1) have successfully completed at least eight hours of clinical and didactic education in coronal polishing taken through a dental school, dental hygiene school, or dental assisting program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and approved by the board. The education must include ~~[that includes]~~ courses on:

(A) oral anatomy and tooth morphology relating to retention of plaque and stain;

(B) indications, contraindications, and complications of coronal polishing;

(C) principles of coronal polishing, including armamentarium, operator and patient positioning, technique, and polishing agents;

(D) infection control procedures;

(E) polishing coronal surfaces of teeth; and

(F) jurisprudence relating to coronal polishing;

1 or

2 (2) present proof to the board that the assistant has:

3 (A) graduated from a dental assisting program
4 accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the
5 American Dental Association and approved by the board that includes
6 specific didactic course work and clinical training in coronal
7 polishing; or

8 (B) received certification of completion of
9 requirements specified by the Dental Assisting National Board and
10 approved by the board.

11 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
12 of this Act, the State Board of Dental Examiners shall adopt rules
13 necessary to implement Section [265.006\(b\)](#), Occupations Code, as
14 amended by this Act.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.