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H.B. No. 2849

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the qualifications for a coronal polishing certificate.

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

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

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

9 (1) have successfully completed at least eight hours
10 of clinical and didactic education in coronal polishing taken
11 through a dental school, dental hygiene school, or dental assisting
12 program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the
13 American Dental Association and approved by the board, or a program
14 offered by a Texas dental industry professional organization
15 approved by the board. The education must include ~~[that includes]~~
16 courses on:

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

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

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

24 (D) infection control procedures;

1 (E) polishing coronal surfaces of teeth; and
2 (F) jurisprudence relating to coronal polishing;
3 or

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

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

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

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

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