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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act relative to dental licensing exams.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by striking out section 47 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

3           Section 47. The examination may be written or oral or both, at the option of the board,  
4 and may include the principal subjects taught in reputable dental colleges. Demonstrations in  
5 operative and prosthetic dentistry, diagnosis and prognosis may be required; provided, however,  
6 the examination shall not require the performance of any procedure upon a live patient.

7           SECTION 2. Not later than July 1, 2021, the board of registration in dentistry shall  
8 approve an examination that does not require the performance of any procedure upon a live  
9 patient. Until such time, the board shall continue to approve the current examination including  
10 the performance of an irreversible procedure upon a live patient.