

SENATE No. 1374

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harriette L. Chandler

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to dentistry licensure examinations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>4/15/2021</i>

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1374) of Harriette L. Chandler for legislation relative to dentistry licensure examinations. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2448 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to dentistry licensure examinations.

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:—

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

8 SECTION 2. Not later than July 1, 2021, the board of registration in dentistry shall
9 approve an examination that does not require the performance of any procedure upon a live

- 10 patient. Until such time, the board shall continue to approve the current examination including
- 11 the performance of an irreversible procedure upon a live patient.