

**SENATE . . . . . No. 3004**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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SENATE, December 26, 2024.

The committee on Senate Ways and Means to whom was referred the House Bill relative to dental hygienist reciprocal licensure (House, No. 4842); reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 3004.

For the committee,  
Michael J. Rodrigues

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1           The first paragraph of section 51 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following sentence:- The board may examine a person of good moral character who  
4 is not less than 19 years of age, upon the payment of a fee determined annually by the secretary  
5 of administration and finance pursuant to section 3B of chapter 7, in subjects considered  
6 essential for a dental hygienist and, if the results of the person’s examination are satisfactory, the  
7 person shall be registered as a dental hygienist and be given a certificate allowing them to  
8 practice dental hygiene if they are: (i) a graduate of a school for dental hygienists that: (A) is  
9 accredited or recognized as accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the  
10 American Dental Association; and (B) requires a course of not less than 1 academic year that is  
11 approved by the board; (ii) a full-time dental student who has satisfactorily completed not less  
12 than 4 full semesters in an accredited dental college; (iii) a graduate from an accredited dental  
13 college who has not previously been examined by the board in subjects considered by the board  
14 to be essential for a dental hygienist; or (iv) a dentist who has obtained not less than 5 years of  
15 lawful practice in a foreign country or province and who presents to the board a certificate of  
16 registration and duration of practice from the foreign country or province’s board of registration  
17 of dentistry or equivalent entity; provided, however, that such other jurisdictions shall require a

18 degree of competency determined by the board to be comparable to that required of examinees in  
19 the commonwealth.