

HOUSE No. 465

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Danillo A. Sena

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 the licensing of limited registration dentists.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/13/2025</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>10/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Sena of Acton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 465) of Danillo A. Sena relative to the licensing of limited registration dentists. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE DOCKET, NO. 4728 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to the licensing of limited registration dentists.

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

1 Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 45A and
2 inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 Section 45A. (a) An applicant for limited registration under this section who is 18 years
4 of age or over and of good moral character who shall furnish the board with satisfactory proof
5 that they have received a diploma from the faculty of a reputable dental college as defined in
6 section 46 and who shall furnish the board with satisfactory proof that they have been employed
7 as a member of the faculty of a dental college accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of
8 Dental and Dental Auxiliary Educational Programs of the American Dental Association or that
9 he has been appointed a dental intern in a hospital or other institution maintained by the
10 commonwealth or by a county or municipality thereof, or in a hospital or dental infirmary

11 incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth, may upon payment of a fee to be determined
12 annually by the commissioner of administration under the provision of section 3B of chapter 7 be
13 registered by the board as a limited registrant for one year; provided, however, that practice
14 under any such original or renewal limited registration so issued by the board shall be limited to
15 no longer than 5 years unless said applicant passes a clinical examination administered by the
16 board or is a full time faculty member; and provided further, that, any applicant who has
17 practiced under an original or renewed license for 5 years and who has passed a clinical
18 examination administered by the board may qualify for a renewal of such license for a period not
19 to exceed 5 years in which the applicant may continue to practice in a hospital or other
20 institution designated on their registration and under the direction of a registered dentist
21 employed therein.

22 (b) A limited registration shall entitle an applicant to practice dentistry only in the
23 hospital or other institution designated on their registration and under the direction of a registered
24 dentist or a special registration dentist employed therein. Limited registration under this section
25 may be revoked at any time by the board and a holder of such a limited registration shall not
26 practice dentistry in a private dental office or private dental clinic; provided, however, that a full-
27 time faculty member may participate in, and only in, an intramural group dental practice which is
28 operated, managed and physically located within a nonprofit dental educational or research
29 institution and their affiliated hospitals in which the full-time faculty member is employed.

30 (c) Upon the completion of 10 years of practice under any original or renewal license
31 authorized by subsection (a), an applicant may apply for a special registration. A special
32 registration shall entitle an applicant to practice dentistry in the hospital or other institution
33 designated on their registration and in any private dental practice where MassHealth is accepted

34 without the supervision of a registered dentist; provided, however, that the applicant shall
35 practice dentistry in equal amounts in: (i) the hospital or other institution designated on their
36 registration; and (ii) any private dental practice where MassHealth is accepted.