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SYNOPSIS

Adds one dental assistant to membership of New Jersey State Board of Dentistry.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry,
2 amending R.S.45:6-1 and repealing section 10 of P.L.2007, c.259.

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4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. R.S.45:6-1 is amended as follows:

8 45:6-1. The State Board of Registration and Examination in
9 Dentistry in the Division of Professional Boards of the Department
10 of Law and Public Safety, hereinafter in this chapter designated as
11 the "board," created and established by an act entitled "An act to
12 regulate the practice of dentistry in the State of New Jersey, and to
13 repeal certain acts now relating to the same," approved March 31,
14 1915 (L.1915, c. 146, p. 261), as amended and supplemented, is
15 continued, and shall hereafter be known and designated as the New
16 Jersey State Board of Dentistry. Wherever in any law, rule,
17 regulation, judicial or administrative proceeding or otherwise,
18 reference is made to the State Board of Registration and Examination
19 in Dentistry, the same shall mean and refer to the New Jersey State
20 Board of Dentistry.

21 In addition to two public members, the board shall consist of
22 ~~【nine】~~ eleven members, ~~【eight】~~ nine of whom shall have resided and
23 practiced dentistry in this State for at least 10 years each immediately
24 preceding their appointments ~~【and】~~, one of whom shall be a dental
25 hygienist, who has, at a minimum, a baccalaureate degree, and has
26 resided and practiced in this State for at least 10 years immediately
27 preceding appointment, and one of whom shall be a dental assistant
28 who has, at a minimum, a baccalaureate degree, and has resided and
29 been employed in this State for at least 10 years immediately
30 preceding appointment, appointed by the Governor for a term of 4
31 years. In appointing ~~【such】~~ any dentist, dental hygienist, or dental
32 assistant, the Governor shall give due consideration to, but shall not
33 be bound by, the recommendation of the New Jersey Dental
34 Association, the New Jersey Dental ~~【Hygienists】~~ Hygienists'
35 Association, and the New Jersey Dental Assistants Association, as
36 applicable. Upon the expiration of the term of office of any member,
37 his successor shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to the
38 provisions of ~~【section 45:1-2 of this Title, for a term of 4 years,~~
39 except that the successors of the members whose terms will expire
40 on June 4, 1949, shall be appointed each for a term expiring on
41 August 31, 1952; the successors of the members whose terms will
42 expire on November 9, 1949, and January 7, 1950, respectively, shall
43 be appointed each for a term expiring on August 31, 1953; the
44 successors of the members whose terms will expire on July 31, 1950,
45 and October 8, 1950, respectively, shall be appointed each for a term

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~【thus】~~ in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 expiring on August 31, 1954; and the successors of the members
2 whose terms will expire on July 30, 1951, and November 4, 1951,
3 respectively, shall be appointed each for a term expiring on August
4 31, 1955】 P.L.1971, c.60 (C.45:1-2.1 et seq.). Each member shall
5 hold his office until his successor is appointed and qualifies. Any
6 vacancy in the membership of the board, occurring from any cause,
7 shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term only. Upon
8 cause being shown before him, the Governor may remove a member
9 from office upon proven charges of inefficiency, incompetency,
10 immorality or professional misconduct.

11 (cf: P.L.1979, c.46, s.22)

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13 2. P.L.2007, c.259, s.10 (C.45:6-1a) is repealed.

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15 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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20 The New Jersey State Board of Dentistry currently consists of two
21 public members, nine members who have resided and practiced
22 dentistry within this State for 10 years, and one member who is a
23 dental hygienist. This bill adds one dental assistant to the
24 membership of the board and clarifies the qualifications for both the
25 assistant and hygienist members. Additionally, the bill adds
26 language to state that the Governor is to consider, but not be obligated
27 to follow, the recommendations of the New Jersey Dental
28 Association nor the New Jersey Dental Assistants Association when
29 appointing a dentist or the dental assistant to the board. The 4-year
30 term for board members is retained under the bill.

31 This bill also makes technical changes to the statutes. It repeals
32 section 10 of P.L.2007, c.259 and amends R.S.45:6-1 to include those
33 2007 provisions regarding the addition of another dentist to the
34 board's membership; removes an obsolete provision concerning
35 membership succession; and updates certain organization and
36 statutory references.