

House Bill No. 729

An act relating to dentistry; amending s. 466.004, F.S.; revising qualifications for membership on the Board of Dentistry; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. (1) Subsection (1) of section 466.004, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

466.004 Board of Dentistry.—

(1) To carry out the provisions of this chapter, there is created within the department the Board of Dentistry consisting of 11 members who shall be appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate. Seven members of the board must be licensed dentists actively engaged in the clinical practice of dentistry in this state ~~whose principal source of income is derived from direct patient care~~; two members must be licensed dental hygienists actively engaged in the practice of dental hygiene in this state; and the remaining two members must be laypersons who are not, and have never been, dentists, dental hygienists, or members of any closely related profession or occupation. Each member of the board who is a licensed dentist must have been actively engaged in the practice of dentistry primarily as a clinical practitioner for at least 5 years immediately preceding the date of her or his appointment to the board and must remain primarily in clinical practice during all subsequent periods of appointment to the board. Each member of the board ~~Any person~~ who is connected in any way with any dental college or community college must be in compliance with s. 455.531 ~~may be appointed to the board so long as that connection does not result in a relationship wherein such college provides more than 5 percent of the person's income~~. At least one member of the board must be 60 years of age or older. Members shall be appointed for 4-year terms.

(2) The amendment of subsection (1) of section 466.004, Florida Statutes, by this section applies to appointments to the Board of Dentistry made on or after the effective date of this act.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Approved by the Governor April 11, 2000.

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