

Requested by Senator PATTERSON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 3223**

1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, delete lines 4 through 27 and  
2 delete page 2 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part  
4 of ORS chapter 679.**

5 **“SECTION 2. (1) In adopting rules related to the requirements for  
6 certification as a dental assistant, including any type of expanded  
7 function dental assistant, the Oregon Board of Dentistry may require  
8 an applicant for certification to pass a written examination. If passage  
9 of a written examination is required for certification as a dental as-  
10 sistant, including any type of expanded function dental assistant, the  
11 board may accept the results of any examination that is:**

12 **“(a)(A) Administered by a dental education program in this state  
13 that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the  
14 American Dental Association, or its successor organization, and ap-  
15 proved by the board by rule;**

16 **“(B) Administered by a dental education program in this state that  
17 is approved by the Commission for Continuing Education Provider  
18 Recognition of the American Dental Association, or its successor or-  
19 ganization, and approved by the board by rule; or**

20 **“(C) An examination comparable to an examination described in  
21 subparagraph (A) or (B) of this paragraph that is administered by a**

1 testing agency approved by the board by rule; and

2 “(b) Offered in plain language in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

3 “(2) The board may not require an applicant for certification as a  
4 dental assistant, including any type of expanded function dental as-  
5 sistant, to complete more than one written examination for certifica-  
6 tion as that type of dental assistant.

7 “SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2023 Act applies to applications for  
8 certification as a dental assistant, including any type of expanded  
9 function dental assistant, submitted on or after the operative date  
10 specified in section 4 of this 2023 Act.

11 “SECTION 4. (1) Section 2 of this 2023 Act becomes operative on  
12 July 1, 2025.

13 “(2) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may take any action before the  
14 operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is neces-  
15 sary to enable the board to exercise, on and after the operative date  
16 specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions  
17 and powers conferred on the board by section 2 of this 2023 Act.

18 “SECTION 5. The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall convene an ad-  
19 visory committee of at least five members to study the dental assistant  
20 workforce shortage and to examine the requirements for dental as-  
21 sistant certification in other states. The committee shall advise the  
22 board on how to address the dental assistant workforce shortage in  
23 this state and on any modifications to the dental assistant certifica-  
24 tion requirements in this state.

25 “SECTION 6. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the  
26 date on which the 2023 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative  
27 Assembly adjourns sine die.”

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