

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE BILL 665**  
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**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS TO STUDY, CONSIDER, AND DEVELOP PROCEDURES FOR NORTH CAROLINA LICENSURE-BY-CREDENTIAL FOR ALREADY LICENSED OUT-OF-STATE DENTIST AND DENTAL HYGIENIST APPLICANTS; TO RECOMMEND TO THE 2000 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANY CHANGES NEEDED IN THE DENTAL PRACTICE ACT FOR AUTHORIZING SUCH PROCEDURES; AND TO PREPARE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW LICENSING PATHWAY.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The State Board of Dental Examiners shall study, consider, and develop procedures for allowing North Carolina to license-by-credential out-of-state licensed dentist and dental hygienist licensure applicants; it shall develop recommendations for any changes needed in the Dental Practice Act; and it shall prepare to submit proposed rules to implement a sound program for the new licensing pathway.

The Board shall determine how the new procedures should be authorized and developed for the Board to allow less burdensome and more timely entry into the State for qualified out-of-state licensed applicants, while at the same time continuing the same degree of protection of the public as is the case under the current law and procedures.

1           The Board shall report the results of its work, including any recommended  
2 statutory changes, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro  
3 Tempore of the Senate by May 15, 2000.

4           Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.