

REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE

Tax: Other Taxes and Fees

Issue: Health Access Dental Licenses

Bill Number(s): CS/HB1461

Entire Bill

Partial Bill:

Sponsor(s): Health quality Subcommittee, Brown

Month/Year Impact Begins: June 18, 2020 (Retroactive to January 1, 2020)

Date of Analysis: 7/9/2020

Section 1: Narrative

a. Current Law:

Section 466.004, F.S., establishes the Board of Dentistry (BOD) within the Department of Health (department) to regulate the practice of dentistry. The requirements for dental licensure by examination are found in s. 466.006, F.S. A person desiring to be licensed as a dentist must apply to the department to take the examinations.

Sections 466.067 through 466.00673, F.S., established the authority for Board to issue health access dental licenses. The health access dental license was established in 2008 to attract out-of-state dentists to practice in underserved health access settings in this state, without supervision. A health access setting is a program or institution operated by the Department of Children and Families, Department of Health, Department of Juvenile Justice, a nonprofit health care center, a Head Start center, a federally-qualified health center or a lookalike, a school-based prevention program, a clinic operated by an accredited college of dentistry, or certain accredited dental hygiene program. Health access dental licenses must be renewed biennially . A licensee must meet the same continuing education requirements as a Florida-licensed dentist. Additionally, a licensee must continue to meet all the requirements for initial licensure. DOH is authorized to establish application, examination, initial licensure, and licensure renewal fees for health access dental licenses. The Board may revoke a health access dental license if the licensee is terminated from employment at the health access setting, practices outside of the health access setting, fails the Florida dental examination, or is found to have violated the Dental Practice Act.

Section 466.00673, F.S., repeals the statutory authority for the health access dental license on January 1, 2020, if not reenacted by the Legislature.

b. Proposed Change: The bill revives and reenacts the statutory authority for health access dental licenses retroactively to January 1, 2020, and repeals the obsolete language setting the January 1, 2020, sunset of health access dental licenses. This gives DOH and the Board of Dentistry the statutory authority to resume issuing and renewing such licenses, and allows the program to continue as if it had not expired on January 1, 2020.

Section 2: Description of Data and Sources

Florida Department of Health, Division of Medical Quality Assurance, Annual Report and Long-Range Plan, Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Florida Department of Health, Division of Medical Quality Assurance, Annual Report and Long-Range Plan, Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Florida Department of Health, Division of Medical Quality Assurance, Annual Report and Long-Range Plan, Fiscal Year 2016-2017

<https://floridasdentistry.gov/renewals/health-access-dentist>

Section 3: Methodology (Include Assumptions and Attach Details)

The biennium for these licenses begins on March 1 of an even year and ends on February 28 on an even year 2 years later. The license must be renewed no later than February 28 of the even year 2 years removed. Current license holders (those with licenses as of February 28 2020) must renew no later than February 28 2022. Total fees for new applicants is \$405. If applicant applies in the second year of the biennium, the total fee is \$260. All initial licenses expire February 28 of following even year. Renewal fees are \$305.

The historic number of existing and new licenses is reported in the Florida Department of Health, Division of Medical Quality Assurance, Annual Report and Long-Range Plans FY 2016-17 through FY 2018-19. These historic numbers were grown by their average growth rate, 4% for total licenses and 0% (a flat 7 per year) for new licenses.

To estimate fee collection, the new licensees paid either \$405 in even years or \$260 in odd years. Those renewing their license paid \$305 in the even years. The even years has higher fee collection because of the set biennium calendar.

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Section 4: Proposed Fiscal Impact

	High		Middle		Low	
	Cash	Recurring	Cash	Recurring	Cash	Recurring
2020-21			\$1,820.00	\$1,820.00		
2021-22			\$17,780.00	\$17,780.00		
2022-23			\$1,820.00	\$1,820.00		
2023-24			\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00		
2024-25			\$1,820.00	\$1,820.00		

List of affected Trust Funds:

Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund (MQAF)

Section 5: Consensus Estimate (Adopted: 07/07/2020): The Conference adopted a positive insignificant impact.

	GR		Trust		Local/Other		Total	
	Cash	Recurring	Cash	Recurring	Cash	Recurring	Cash	Recurring
2020-21	Insignificant	Insignificant	Insignificant	Insignificant	0.0	0.0	Insignificant	Insignificant
2021-22	Insignificant	Insignificant	Insignificant	Insignificant	0.0	0.0	Insignificant	Insignificant
2022-23	Insignificant	Insignificant	Insignificant	Insignificant	0.0	0.0	Insignificant	Insignificant
2023-24	Insignificant	Insignificant	Insignificant	Insignificant	0.0	0.0	Insignificant	Insignificant
2024-25	Insignificant	Insignificant	Insignificant	Insignificant	0.0	0.0	Insignificant	Insignificant

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Historic and Forecasted Health Access Dental Licenses			
FY	Total Active	New Licenses	Existing Licenses
2016-17	46	7	39
2017-18	47	7	40
2018-19	50	7	43
2019-20	52	7	45
2020-21	54	7	47
2021-22	56	7	49
2022-23	58	7	51
2023-24	60	7	53
2024-25	62	7	55

Estimated Fee Collection			
FY	Total Fees	New Fees (\$405/\$260)	Renewal Fees (\$305)
2020-21	\$ 1,820.00	\$ 1,820.00	
2021-22	\$ 17,780.00	\$ 2,835.00	\$ 14,945.00
2022-23	\$ 1,820.00	\$ 1,820.00	
2023-24	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 2,835.00	\$ 16,165.00
2024-25	\$ 1,820.00	\$ 1,820.00	