

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 32 - Dentistry

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[ (f) (1) Any dentist now licensed by the State of Maryland, but not practicing dentistry within or outside of the State for a period of three years, shall be issued an inactive license, subject to an annual registration fee not exceeding \$5.

(2) Once a dentist has maintained an inactive license for three years or more, or if his privileges to practice have been suspended or revoked by any other state in which he was practicing, and if he reapplies for an active license within this State, the Board may subject the candidate, after presentation of his credentials, to a personal interview, or a challenge examination, before issuing the candidate an active Maryland license.

(3) Revocation or suspension of a dental license in another state may be grounds for revocation or suspension of any type Maryland dental license.]

6A.

(A) THE BOARD MAY NOT ISSUE THE ANNUAL CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION, PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 6 OF THIS ARTICLE, TO A DENTIST NOW LICENSED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BUT NOT REGULARLY PRACTICING DENTISTRY FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION THEN REQUIRED, EITHER:

(1) IN THIS STATE; OR

(2) AS A COMMISSIONED DENTIST OF ANY OF

(I) THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES;

(II) THE UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE HOSPITALS; OR

(III) THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION.

(B) (1) THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE TO DENTISTS NOW LICENSED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BUT NOT ENTITLED TO THE ANNUAL CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION UNDER SUBSECTION (A), ON PROPER APPLICATION, AN INACTIVE LICENSE, RENEWABLE ANNUALLY BEFORE APRIL 1 OF EACH YEAR, FOR AS MANY YEARS AS THE DENTIST DESIRES TO RENEW THE INACTIVE LICENSE, SUBJECT TO PAYMENT OF A REASONABLE LICENSE OR ANNUAL RENEWAL FEE SET BY THE BOARD.

(2) THE APPLICATION FOR AN INACTIVE LICENSE,