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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

221st LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Adds one dental assistant to membership of New Jersey State Board of Dentistry.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry,
2 amending R.S.45:6-1 and repealing section 10 of P.L.2007,
3 c.259.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. R.S.45:6-1 is amended as follows:

9 45:6-1. The State Board of Registration and Examination in
10 Dentistry in the Division of Professional Boards of the Department
11 of Law and Public Safety, hereinafter in this chapter designated as
12 the "board," created and established by an act entitled "An act to
13 regulate the practice of dentistry in the State of New Jersey, and to
14 repeal certain acts now relating to the same," approved March 31,
15 1915 (L.1915, c. 146, p. 261), as amended and supplemented, is
16 continued, and shall hereafter be known and designated as the New
17 Jersey State Board of Dentistry. Wherever in any law, rule,
18 regulation, judicial or administrative proceeding or otherwise,
19 reference is made to the State Board of Registration and
20 Examination in Dentistry, the same shall mean and refer to the New
21 Jersey State Board of Dentistry.

22 In addition to two public members, the board shall consist of
23 **[nine]** eleven members, **[eight]** nine of whom shall have resided
24 and practiced dentistry in this State for at least 10 years each
25 immediately preceding their appointments **[and]**, one of whom
26 shall be a dental hygienist, who has, at a minimum, a baccalaureate
27 degree, and has resided and practiced in this State for at least 10
28 years immediately preceding appointment, and one of whom shall
29 be a dental assistant who has, at a minimum, a baccalaureate
30 degree, and has resided and been employed in this State for at least
31 10 years immediately preceding appointment, appointed by the
32 Governor for a term of 4 years. In appointing **[such]** any dentist,
33 dental hygienist, or dental assistant, the Governor shall give due
34 consideration to, but shall not be bound by, the recommendation of
35 the New Jersey Dental Association, the New Jersey Dental
36 **[Hygienists]** Hygienists' Association, and the New Jersey Dental
37 Assistants Association, as applicable. Upon the expiration of the
38 term of office of any member, his successor shall be appointed by
39 the Governor, subject to the provisions of **[section 45:1-2 of this**
40 **Title,** for a term of 4 years, except that the successors of the
41 members whose terms will expire on June 4, 1949, shall be
42 appointed each for a term expiring on August 31, 1952; the
43 successors of the members whose terms will expire on November
44 9, 1949, and January 7, 1950, respectively, shall be appointed each
45 for a term expiring on August 31, 1953; the successors of the

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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1 members whose terms will expire on July 31, 1950, and October 8,
2 1950, respectively, shall be appointed each for a term expiring on
3 August 31, 1954; and the successors of the members whose terms
4 will expire on July 30, 1951, and November 4, 1951, respectively,
5 shall be appointed each for a term expiring on August 31, 1955】
6 P.L.1971, c.60 (C.45:1-2.1 et seq.). Each member shall hold his
7 office until his successor is appointed and qualifies. Any vacancy
8 in the membership of the board, occurring from any cause, shall be
9 filled by the Governor for the unexpired term only. Upon cause
10 being shown before him, the Governor may remove a member from
11 office upon proven charges of inefficiency, incompetency,
12 immorality or professional misconduct.
13 (cf: P.L.1979, c.46, s.22)

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15 2. P.L.2007, c.259, s.10 (C.45:6-1a) is repealed.

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17 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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22 The New Jersey State Board of Dentistry currently consists of
23 two public members, nine members who have resided and practiced
24 dentistry within this State for 10 years, and one member who is a
25 dental hygienist. This bill adds one dental assistant to the
26 membership of the board and clarifies the qualifications for both the
27 assistant and hygienist members. Additionally, the bill adds
28 language to state that the Governor is to consider, but not be
29 obligated to follow, the recommendations of the New Jersey Dental
30 Association nor the New Jersey Dental Assistants Association when
31 appointing a dentist or the dental assistant to the board. The 4-year
32 term for board members is retained under the bill.

33 This bill also makes technical changes to the statutes. It repeals
34 section 10 of P.L.2007, c.259 and amends R.S.45:6-1 to include
35 those 2007 provisions regarding the addition of another dentist to
36 the board's membership; removes an obsolete provision concerning
37 membership succession; and updates certain organization and
38 statutory references.