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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to dental licensing; amending s.
 3 466.006, F.S.; exempting certain internationally
 4 trained dentists from the requirement that an
 5 applicant for licensure be a graduate of an accredited
 6 dental college or school or submit proof of having
 7 completed 2 consecutive academic years at an
 8 accredited dental school before being entitled to take
 9 the dental examination; providing an effective date.

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 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 13 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 466.006, Florida
 14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 466.006 Examination of dentists.—

16 (3) If an applicant is a graduate of a dental college or
 17 school not accredited in accordance with paragraph (2)(b) or of
 18 a dental college or school not approved by the board, the
 19 applicant is not entitled to take the examinations required in
 20 this section to practice dentistry unless:

21 (a) ~~Until~~ She or he satisfies one of the following:

22 1.(a) ~~Completes~~ a program of study, as defined by ~~the~~ board
 23 ~~by~~ rule, at an accredited American dental school and
 24 demonstrates receipt of a D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree from that ~~said~~
 25 school; or

26 2.(b) ~~Submits~~ proof of having successfully completed at
 27 least 2 consecutive academic years at a full-time supplemental
 28 general dentistry program accredited by the American Dental
 29 Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. The ~~This~~ program
 30 must provide didactic and clinical education at the level of a
 31 D.D.S. or D.M.D. program accredited by the American Dental
 32 Association Commission on Dental Accreditation; or

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33 (b) She or he is an internationally trained dentist who
34 holds an active license to practice dentistry full time in
35 another state or territory of the United States, the District of
36 Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and has been
37 practicing dentistry full time for at least 2 consecutive years.
38 Such license must be in good standing and not subject to a
39 pending penalty.

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.