

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred Senate  
3 Bill No. 20 entitled “An act relating to establishing and regulating licensed  
4 dental practitioners” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and  
5 recommends that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 1, in 26 V.S.A. § 561 (definitions), by striking out in its  
7 entirety subdivision (8) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

8 (8) “General supervision” means:

9 (A) For a dental practitioner with a Master’s degree or higher:

10 (i) direct supervision whereby, at a minimum, the supervising  
11 dentist is readily available at the dental facility by being on-call to ensure  
12 patient safety; or

13 (ii) indirect supervision, which need not be on-site, except that  
14 indirect supervision shall not include telemedicine. In this subdivision,  
15 “telemedicine” shall have the same meaning as in 8 V.S.A. § 4100k.

16 (B) For a dental practitioner with less than a Master’s degree, direct  
17 supervision whereby, at a minimum, the supervising dentist is readily available  
18 at the dental facility by being on-call to ensure patient safety.

19 Second: In Sec. 1, in 26 V.S.A. § 611 (license by examination), in  
20 subdivision (a)(3), following “administered by an institution accredited” by  
21 inserting “by the Commission on Dental Accreditation”

1        Third: In Sec. 1, following § 611 (license by examination), by inserting  
2        § 611a to read:

3        § 611a. LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT

4        The Board may grant a license as a dental practitioner to an applicant who:

5            (1) is currently licensed in good standing to practice as a dental  
6        practitioner or dental therapist in any jurisdiction of the United States or  
7        Canada that has licensing requirements deemed by the Board to be at least  
8        substantially equivalent to those of this State;

9            (2) has met active practice requirements and any other requirements  
10       established by the Board by rule; and

11           (3) pays the application fee set forth in section 662 of this chapter.

12        Fourth: By adding two new sections to be Secs. 2 and 3 to read:

13        Sec. 2. AFFILIATION WITH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

14           (a) License by endorsement. For the purposes of 26 V.S.A. § 611a (license  
15       by endorsement) in Sec. 1 of this act, a person licensed as a dental therapist in  
16       the State of Minnesota who has been certified by the Minnesota Board of  
17       Dentistry to practice as an advanced dental therapist shall be deemed to meet  
18       the requirements of 26 V.S.A. § 611a(1).

19           (b) Vermont State Colleges and University of Vermont.

20           (1) The Board of Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges shall and the  
21       Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont may explore the potential of

1 entering into an affiliation agreement with colleges in the State of Minnesota  
2 that have an accredited dental therapy program so that the college credits of a  
3 Vermont State College student or a University of Vermont student can transfer  
4 into such a program in order for the student to attend the program.

5 (2) On or before January 1, 2017, those Boards of Trustees shall report  
6 to the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Government  
7 Operations and the House Committees on Health Care and on Government  
8 Operations regarding the efforts of the Boards and any success in reaching a  
9 reciprocal agreement with the State of Minnesota.

10 Sec. 3. GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF DENTAL PRACTITIONERS

11 No earlier than two years after the effective date of this act but on or before  
12 January 1, 2018, the Board of Dental Examiners shall report to the Senate  
13 Committee on Health and Welfare and the House Committee on Health Care  
14 regarding:

15 (1) the geographic distribution of licensed dental practitioners practicing  
16 in this State;

17 (2) the geographic areas of this State that are underserved by licensed  
18 dental practitioners; and

19 (3) the Board's recommended incentives to promote the practice of  
20 licensed dental practitioners in underserved areas of this State, particularly

- 1 those areas that are rural in nature and have high numbers of people living in
- 2 poverty.
- 3 and by renumbering Sec. 2 (effective date) to be Sec. 4.

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