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SPECIALTY LICENSURE FOR DENTISTS

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4176 AS INTRODUCED 2-15-89

The Public Health Code allows the Board of Dentistry to issue a "health profession specialty certification" for any of six dental specialty fields to properly qualified licensed dentists (those who have advanced training beyond that required for initial licensure and who have passed the relevant specialty examination).

The bill would amend the code to delete reference to specialty certification in dentistry and instead allow the Board of Dentistry to issue health profession specialty licenses to licensed dentists who met the requirements for specialty licensure (which would be the same as those now required for specialty certification). The bill would not prohibit licensed dentists who did not have specialty licenses from performing services in any of the dental specialty fields. However, if a licensed dentist who did not have a specialty license advertised his or her services in one of the six specialty fields, his or her advertisement would have to include a statement that he or she was not licensed as a specialist by the Michigan Board of Dentistry.

The bill also would add the definition of "specialty license" to the general provisions of the code governing occupations, as well as adding or changing references to specialty licensure where necessary.

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