

Legislative Analysis



OUT-OF-STATE CLINICAL PRACTICE FOR DENTAL THERAPISTS

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House Bill 5827 as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Jason M. Sheppard
Committee: Government Operations
Complete to 6-17-20

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(Enacted as Public Act 298 of 2020)

SUMMARY:

House Bill 5827 would amend the Public Health Code to allow hours of clinical practice performed out of state to count toward the requirements for licensure as a dental therapist.

2018 PA 463 provided for the licensure of dental therapists and prescribed their scope of practice.¹ Currently, to be licensed as a dental therapist, a person must apply to the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), pay the application fee, and demonstrate that he or she meets all of the following:

- Has graduated from a dental therapy education program that meets the applicable accreditation requirements and any other requirements for dental therapy education programs adopted by the Board of Dentistry.
- Has passed a comprehensive, competency-based clinical examination approved by LARA that includes an examination of the applicant's knowledge of Michigan's laws and rules concerning dentistry.
- Has completed 500 hours of supervised clinical practice under the direct supervision of a dentist and in conformity with rules adopted by the Board of Dentistry.

The bill would amend the third requirement bulleted above to provide that the 500 hours of supervised clinical practice could include hours of supervised clinical practice performed in another state under the direct supervision of an individual authorized under the laws of that state to engage in the practice of dentistry.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5827 would have no fiscal impact on the state or on local units of government.

¹ See <https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2017-2018/billanalysis/House/pdf/2017-HLA-0541-C14C051A.pdf>

POSITIONS:

A representative of the Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health testified in support of the bill. (6-17-20)

The following organizations indicated support for the bill (6-17-20):

Michigan Primary Care Association

Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association

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