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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
100TH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2020**

Introduced by Rep. Sheppard

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5827

AN ACT to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to provide for the levy of taxes against certain health facilities or agencies; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to provide for an appropriation and supplements; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates,” by amending section 16651 (MCL 333.16651), as added by 2018 PA 463.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 16651. (1) An individual who is granted a license under this part as a dental therapist may engage in practice as a dental therapist to the extent permitted under this section and sections 16652 to 16658.

(2) To qualify for licensure under this part as a dental therapist, an individual shall apply to the department on forms provided by the department, pay the application fee under section 16323, and demonstrate to the department that he or she meets all of the following:

(a) Has graduated from a dental therapy education program that satisfies all of the following:

(i) Meets the standards established under section 16148 for accreditation of a degree-granting program in dental therapy education at an approved postsecondary education institution.

(ii) As determined by the department in consultation with the board, meets the accreditation standards for dental therapy education programs established by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

(iii) Is accredited under section 16148.

(iv) Meets any other requirements for dental therapy education programs adopted by the board.

(b) Has passed a comprehensive, competency-based clinical examination approved by the department that

includes an examination of the applicant's knowledge of the laws of this state under this part and rules promulgated under this part.

(c) Has completed 500 hours of clinical practice in this state or another state under the direct supervision of a dentist, or an individual authorized under the laws of another state to engage in the practice of dentistry, and in conformity with rules adopted by the board. As used in this subdivision, "direct supervision" means that the dentist or individual described in this subdivision complies with all of the following:

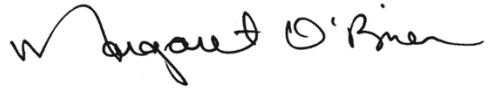
(i) Designates a patient of record upon whom the procedures are to be performed and describes the procedures to be performed.

(ii) Examines the patient before prescribing the procedures to be performed and upon completion of the procedures.

(iii) Is physically present in the office at the time the procedures are being performed.



Clerk of the House of Representatives



Secretary of the Senate

Approved _____

Governor