

HOUSE BILL NO. 4593

June 10, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Bierlein, Rheingans, Rogers, Neyer, Kunse, Schmaltz and Roth and referred to Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
by amending section 16608 (MCL 333.16608), as amended by 2021 PA
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 16608. (1) The board may issue a health profession
2 specialty field license to a dentist who has advanced training
3 beyond that required for initial licensure and who has demonstrated
4 competency through examination or other evaluative processes in 1

1 or more of the following health profession specialty fields:

2 (a) Prosthodontics, endodontics, oral and maxillofacial
3 surgery, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, or oral
4 pathology.

5 (b) Beginning September 1, 2022, oral medicine, orofacial
6 pain, dental public health, oral and maxillofacial radiology, or
7 dental anesthesiology.

8 (2) A dentist who held a health profession specialty
9 certification in 1 or more of the health profession specialty
10 fields listed in subsection (1)(a) on December 23, 2002 is
11 considered to hold a health profession specialty field license on
12 that date in each of those health profession specialty fields and
13 may obtain renewal of each health profession specialty field
14 license on the expiration date of the specialty certification.

15 (3) A health profession specialty field license issued under
16 this section must be renewed concurrently with the license to
17 practice dentistry.

18 (4) This section does not prohibit a dentist who has not been
19 issued a health profession specialty field license under this
20 section from performing services in 1 or more of the health
21 profession specialty fields listed in subsection (1).

22 **(5) Beginning January 1, 2026, in addition to the prohibitions**
23 **in section 16261, a dentist who has not been issued a health**
24 **profession specialty field license under this section shall not**
25 **announce or represent to the public that the dentist is a dental**
26 **specialist or that the dentist specializes in an area under the**
27 **practice of dentistry for which a health profession specialty field**
28 **license under this section does not exist.**

29 (6) ~~(5)~~ For purposes of the administration of the general

1 rules of the board in the Michigan Administrative Code, a reference
2 to specialty certification is a reference to a health profession
3 specialty field license.

4 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
5 unless House Bill No. 4594 (request no. H02269'25) of the 103rd
6 Legislature is enacted into law.