

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Board of Dentistry to convene a work group to assess expedited pathways for licensure*
3 *for dentists and dental hygienists.*

4 [S 1475]
5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. § 1.** *That the Virginia Board of Dentistry shall convene a work group of stakeholders including the*
8 *Virginia Dental Association and the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association to assess expedited pathways*
9 *for licensure for dentists and dental hygienists and make recommendations on modernizing licensure for the*
10 *provision of essential preventative and restorative dental care. In conducting its work, the work group shall*
11 *(i) review the licensure by credentialing statutes governing dentists and the licensure statutes governing*
12 *dental hygienists and make recommendations on how such statutes can be updated to reflect an expedited*
13 *pathway for licensure, giving consideration to recent regulatory changes with the licensure by endorsement*
14 *pathway at the Board of Medicine, and (ii) study options for and make recommendations on a pathway for*
15 *qualified internationally trained dentists to practice dental hygiene under the supervision of a licensed*
16 *dentist. The work group shall report its recommendations to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on*
17 *Education and Health and House Committee on Health and Human Services on or before November 30,*
18 *2025.*

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