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Resolution No. PD5 New

Report: EXPEDIENT PATHWAYS FOR FOREIGN TRAINED DENTISTS Date Submitted: 8/28/2024

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How does this resolution increase member value: Not applicable

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**TOPIC: EXPEDIENT PATHWAYS FOR FOREIGN TRAINED DENTISTS**

3 **Background:** Recently, the state of Florida has adopted and passed into legislation a streamlined  
4 pathway for foreign trained dentists to acquire a dental hygiene license. The law requires licensure by  
5 examination, which includes taking the ADEX Dental Hygiene Licensing Examination and the Florida  
6 Laws and Rules Examination. Further, applications need to provide official transcripts with specific  
7 authentication, proof of Basic Life Support, and any current licensure in good standing. If applicants  
8 cannot provide authenticated documents due to their country’s political environment, supporting  
9 documents may be submitted to and evaluated by the Board. The goal is to have alternative pathways of  
10 licensure for foreign trained dentists to enter our State’s workforce expediently to combat dental  
11 workforce shortages.

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13 **Resolved,** that the Minnesota Dental Association supports an expedited pathway for foreign-trained  
14 dentists' pursuit of a MN Dental Assisting License or a MN Dental Hygiene License. Such an  
15 expedited pathway shall not require the foreign-trained dentist to complete a Dental Hygiene or  
16 Dental Assisting academic program

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18 **Fiscal Impact:** MDA will assign

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20 **Strategic Plan Goal** Choose an item.

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