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Report of the Task Force on Expedited Licensure for Foreign-Trained Dentists

1 At its June 2025 Meeting the House established a Task Force to study options for
2 expediting licensure of foreign-trained dentists:

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4 **8H-2025 – Adopted:**

5 **Resolved**, that a Task Force be formed consisting of members of the councils on
6 Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry, Dental Education and Licensure, and
7 Dental Practice to evaluate the intended direction of Resolution 15H-2024,
8 Expedited Licensure and Foreign-Trained Dentists; and be it further
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10 **Resolved**, that the Task Force finalizes its recommendations by December 31,
11 2025, and that those findings be circulated immediately to the NYSDA House of
12 Delegates.
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14 **15H-2024 – Adopted:**

15 **Resolved**, that the appropriate councils and committees evaluate expedited
16 licensure and additional training options in order to reduce barriers for foreign-
17 trained dentists and bring recommendations to the 2025 NYSDA House of
18 Delegates.
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20 The Task Force on Expedited Licensure for Foreign-Trained Dentists is made up of the
21 following members:
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- 23 Robert Peskin, Chair, Dental Education & Licensure
- 24 Steven Gournardes, Dental Education & Licensure
- 25 Nicole Hinchey, Dental Education & Licensure
- 26 Mina Kim, Dental Practice
- 27 Tricia Quartey-Sagaille, Dental Practice
- 28 Robert Bochiechio, Dental Practice
- 29 Maria Maranga, Dental Health Planning & Hospital Dentistry
- 30 David Miller, Dental Health Planning & Hospital Dentistry
- 31 Jean DiFlorio, Dental Health Planning & Hospital Dentistry

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33 The Task Force met in October and November of 2025 with the purpose of evaluating a
34 legislative bill on this topic sponsored by Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner. This bill
35 passed the NYS Senate during the 2025 session, and the Assemblywoman is hoping to
36 see it additionally pass the Assembly in 2026. She asked for NYSDA’s opinion on the
37 bill. The Task Force concluded that it had serious concerns about this bill and provided

38 a report to the members of the 2025 NYSDA House of Delegates on December 16,
39 2025.

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41 The Task Force has since met in February, March and April of this year to develop a
42 proposal for an alternative pathway that would potentially be agreeable to
43 Assemblywoman Woerner, the NYS Education Department, and the academic dental
44 centers. The Task Force discussed the challenges faced by foreign trained dentists
45 seeking residency and also pathways available in other states. After considerable
46 discussion and review, the Task Force has finalized a proposal for a dental preceptor
47 pathway for consideration.

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Appendix A