

Resolution No.	13	New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Substitute <input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment <input type="checkbox"/>
Submitted By:	Task Force on Expedited Licensure for Foreign-Trained Dentists			
Date Submitted:	April 21, 2026	Reference Committee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Direct to House <input type="checkbox"/>	
Total Financial Implication:	\$ 0			
Amount One-time	\$ 0	Amount On-going	\$ none	

Expedited Licensure for Foreign-Trained Dentists

1 **BACKGROUND STATEMENT:** After considerable discussion and review, the Task
 2 Force on Expediated Licensure and Foreign-Trained Dentists has finalized a proposal
 3 for a dental preceptor pathway for consideration by the NYSDA House. The Task Force
 4 believes that this pathway may appeal to foreign-trained dentists who lack the resources
 5 to pursue the current paths provided by law. It also helps to meet the goal of locating
 6 dentists in rural underserved areas of the state that have few dentists. The program
 7 requires these candidates to serve in these areas for up to seven years under the
 8 supervision of a NYS-licensed dentist. An alternate pathway allows them to serve for
 9 such period in an academic dental school. We have worked with interested parties in
 10 the legislature and the dental schools and believe this pathway provides a suitable
 11 compromise to help address these access-to-care issues. Accordingly, we present the
 12 following resolution for consideration:

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 14 **13. Resolved,** that NYSDA support a Dental Preceptor Pathway for the licensure of
 15 graduates of foreign dental schools, as described in the proposal submitted by the
 16 Task Force on Expediated Licensure for Foreign-Trained Dentists, and be it further
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18 **Resolved,** that the Council on Dental Education and Licensure be empowered to
 19 work with the NYSDA Board, and NY State leaders, on the details required for such
 20 pathway, and be it further
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22 **Resolved,** that a report be provided to the 2027 NYSDA House of Delegates, and
 23 be it further
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25 **Resolved,** that the Task Force on Expediated Licensure for Foreign-Trained
 26 Dentists be dissolved.
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28 **Board Comments:** This Task Force was formed by the House to “evaluate expedited licensure
 29 and additional training options in order to reduce barriers for foreign-trained dentists.”
 30 Legislators have been drafting their own versions of bills to do just this. Our Task Force has
 31 done an admirable job threading the needle to come up with a proposal that encourages
 32 interested foreign-trained dentists to practice under supervision in rural areas of the state with a

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33 shortage of dentists. The Board supports this proposal and feels it includes the necessary
 34 prerequisites and safeguards to deliver care in these underserved areas. The Board suggests
 35 an amendment to include the HRSA link for the designated shortage areas and to denote that
 36 the supervision be direct, not indirect.

37 **BOARD RECOMMENDATION: VOTE YES**

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Demas	X				Hills	X				Ramjattansingh	X			
Dominger	X				Jacobs	X				Rothas	X			
Edwards	X				Jacobo	X				Samuels	X			
Gamache	X				Korkosz	X				Scharoff	X			
Giordano	X				Krishnan	X				Stacy	X			
Greenberg	X				Miller	X				Stacey	X			
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