

Senate Bill 24

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Goggans of the 7th, Unterman of the 45th and Stoner of the 6th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to licenses for the practice of dentistry, so as to provide for waivers of certain  
3 continuing education requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;  
4 and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 licenses for the practice of dentistry, is amended by revising Code Section 43-11-46.1,  
9 relating to continuing education requirements and waivers for dentists, as follows:

10 "43-11-46.1.

11 (a) The board shall be authorized to require persons seeking renewal of a dental license  
12 under this chapter to complete board approved continuing education of not less than 40  
13 hours biennially. The board shall be authorized to approve courses offered by institutions  
14 of higher learning, specialty societies, or professional organizations and to designate the  
15 number of hours required and the category in which those hours should be earned.

16 (b) The board shall be authorized to waive the continuing education requirement in cases  
17 of hardship, disability, or illness or under such other circumstances as the board deems  
18 appropriate.

19 (c) The board shall be authorized to waive five hours of continuing education requirements  
20 for persons who have completed 20 hours of volunteer practice for public agencies or  
21 institutions, not for profit agencies, not for profit institutions, nonprofit corporations, or not  
22 for profit associations which provide dentistry services only to indigent patients, as  
23 determined by the board.

24 ~~(c)~~(d) The board shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement and  
25 ensure compliance with the requirements of this Code section.

26 ~~(d)~~(e) This Code section shall apply to each licensing, certification, and renewal cycle  
27 which begins after the 1990-1991 renewal; provided, however, that subsection (c) of this  
28 Code section shall apply to each licensing, certification, and renewal cycle which begins  
29 after the 2010-2011 renewal."

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**SECTION 2.**

31 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.