

# SENATE, No. 3983

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Removes requirement for branch office registration certificates and modernizes requirements to notify State and consumers of locations where dentists provide services.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning branch office registration certificates issued by  
2 the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry, and amending  
3 R.S.45:6-10.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. R.S.45:6-10 is amended to read as follows:

9 45:6-10. Every licensed dentist shall procure from the  
10 secretary-treasurer of the board on or before November 1 each year  
11 an annual certificate of registration. Such certificate shall be issued  
12 by the secretary-treasurer upon payment of a fee of \$8.00 for those  
13 in active practice within the State or \$4.00 for those not practicing  
14 within the State; provided, however, that any dentist licensed after  
15 July 1 in any year shall only pay a registration fee of \$2.00 for the  
16 remainder of such year. A nonactive registration certificate shall be  
17 issued to those not practicing within the State and should a  
18 nonactive registrant desire to practice during the registration year he  
19 may upon payment of an additional \$4.00 to the secretary-treasurer  
20 with the return of the nonactive registration certificate for  
21 cancellation, be issued an active certificate of registration. All  
22 active certificates so issued shall be prima facie evidence of the  
23 right of the holder to practice dentistry in this State. Prior to the  
24 issuance of the initial certificate, a licensed dentist shall list for the  
25 secretary-treasurer, to the best of the dentist's knowledge and on a  
26 form or in a format to be determined by the board, the locations,  
27 known at the time of notification to the secretary-treasurer, at which  
28 the licensee will be providing dental services. These locations shall  
29 not include a hospital or institution which shall receive no fees,  
30 other than entrance registration fees, for the services rendered by  
31 the dentist and for which the dentist shall receive no fees or  
32 compensation directly or indirectly for such services rendered and  
33 locations at which the licensee renders necessary dental services for  
34 patients confined to their homes, hospitals or institutions.

35 **【**Every licensee holding an active registration certificate who  
36 may practice at any place other than that address for which his  
37 active registration certificate is issued shall be required to obtain  
38 from the secretary-treasurer for a fee of \$2.00 a branch office  
39 registration certificate for each and every location wherein he  
40 practices; provided, that nothing herein contained, shall be  
41 construed to require an active licensee to obtain a branch office  
42 certificate for the purpose of serving on the staff of a hospital or  
43 institution which receives no fees (other than entrance registration  
44 fees) for the services rendered by the dentist and that the dentist  
45 receives no fees or compensation directly or indirectly for such

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is  
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 services rendered; and further provided, that nothing herein  
2 contained shall be construed to require an active licensee to obtain  
3 a branch office certificate for the purpose of rendering necessary  
4 dental services for their patients confined to their homes, hospitals  
5 or institutions.】

6 The secretary-treasurer of the board shall, on or before October 1  
7 each year, mail to each licensed dentist, a printed blank form to be  
8 properly filled out and returned by such licensed person to said  
9 secretary-treasurer, together with the fee herein fixed for such  
10 annual registration. There shall be required, as part of the form,  
11 space reserved for the licensed dentist to list each location at which  
12 the licensee provides dental services. These locations shall not  
13 include a hospital or institution which receives no fees, other than  
14 entrance registration fees, for the services rendered by the dentist  
15 and that the dentist receives no fees or compensation directly or  
16 indirectly for such services rendered and locations at which the  
17 licensee renders necessary dental services for patients confined to  
18 their homes, hospitals or institutions. Upon receipt of such form and  
19 fee, the annual certificate of registration shall be issued and  
20 transmitted. The board shall cause a notice to be 【inserted in not  
21 less than 3 newspapers, 1 in the city of Trenton, 1 in the city of  
22 Camden, and 1 in the city of Newark,】 posted, in a conspicuous  
23 manner, on the website of the Division of Consumer Affairs to the  
24 effect that such annual registration will be required. Such notice  
25 shall be 【printed in such papers, once a week for 3 consecutive  
26 weeks】 posted on the division's website between September 1 and  
27 October 1, each year. Any person who, for at least 25 years, shall  
28 have been licensed to practice dentistry in New Jersey and who  
29 desires to retire from the practice thereof, and during his retirement  
30 to refrain from practicing dentistry, upon application to the  
31 secretary-treasurer of the board, may be registered annually,  
32 without the payment of any registration fee, as a retired dentist.  
33 The certificate of registration which shall be issued to a retired  
34 dentist shall state, among other things, that the holder has been  
35 licensed to practice dentistry in New Jersey but that during his  
36 retirement he shall not practice dentistry. The holder of a certificate  
37 of registration as a retired dentist shall be entitled to resume the  
38 practice of dentistry at any time; provided, he first shall have  
39 obtained from the secretary-treasurer an annual certificate of  
40 registration as hereinbefore provided. The license of any person  
41 who fails to procure any annual certificate of registration, or in lieu  
42 thereof an annual certificate of registration as a retired dentist, at  
43 the time and in the manner required by this section may be  
44 suspended by the board 【in the manner provided by sections 45:6-7  
45 to 45:6-9 of this Title】. Any license so suspended shall be reinstated  
46 at any time within 3 years from the date of such suspension upon  
47 the payment of all past due annual registration fees and an

1 additional reinstatement fee of \$25.00. Any person whose license  
2 shall have been suspended for such cause shall, during the period  
3 of such suspension, be regarded as an unlicensed person and, in  
4 case he shall continue or engage in the practice of dentistry during  
5 such period, shall be liable to the penalties prescribed by section  
6 45:6-13 of this Title for practicing dentistry without a license. Any  
7 person to whom a certificate of registration as a retired dentist shall  
8 have been issued who shall continue or engage in the practice of  
9 dentistry without first having obtained a certificate of registration  
10 authorizing him to resume the practice of dentistry, shall be liable  
11 to the penalties prescribed by section 45:6-13 of this Title for  
12 practicing dentistry without a license.

13 (cf: P.L.1959, c.151, s.1)

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15 2. This act shall take effect immediately but apply to individuals  
16 approved for initial licensure or licensure renewal, reinstatement or  
17 reactivation, who are issued a certificate of registration by the New  
18 Jersey State Board of Dentistry on or after the effective date of this  
19 act, and who may practice at a location other than the location for  
20 which the registration certificate is issued.

#### 21 22 23 STATEMENT 24

25 This bill removes the requirement in current law for a separate  
26 permit for each branch office where a licensed and registered  
27 dentist provides services, if that dentist provides services at a place  
28 other than the location where the required certificate of registration  
29 was issued. Under the bill, a dentist would be required to notify the  
30 secretary-treasurer of the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry, to  
31 the best of their knowledge and on a form or in a format as to be  
32 determined by the board, prior to the issuance of an initial  
33 certificate the addresses of the locations where dental services are  
34 to be provided by the licensee. The bill requires the same  
35 information to be included on the form sent by the secretary-  
36 treasurer annually to all licensed dentists for a new registration  
37 certificate. These locations do not include 1) hospitals or  
38 institutions that receives no fees, other than entrance registration  
39 fees, for the services rendered by the dentist and where the dentist  
40 receives no fees or compensation directly or indirectly for services  
41 rendered and 2) the homes, hospitals or institutions where a patient  
42 is confined and receives necessary dental services.

43 Additionally, language in current law requiring the board to  
44 advertise in various newspapers on the need for licensed dentists to  
45 obtain new registration certificates is removed and replaced in the  
46 bill with a provision to require the Division of Consumer Affairs,  
47 under which the board is governed, to post notification, in a  
48 conspicuous manner, about the need for a new registration

- 1 certificate on its website. Lastly, language in current law
- 2 referencing repealed statutes is also removed in the bill.