



## 2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 153

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 447.055 (title); and *to create* 447.02 (1) (f) and 447.056 of the  
2             statutes; **relating to:** continuing education for dentists and granting  
3             rule-making authority.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

4             **SECTION 1.** 447.02 (1) (f) of the statutes is created to read:  
5             447.02 **(1)** (f) Governing compliance with continuing education requirements  
6             under s. 447.056.

7             **SECTION 2.** 447.055 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

8             **447.055** (title) **Continuing education; dental hygienists.**

9             **SECTION 3.** 447.056 of the statutes is created to read:

10            **447.056** **Continuing education; dentists.** **(1)** Except as provided in subs.  
11            **(2) to (4)**, a person is not eligible for renewal of a license to practice dentistry unless

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1 the person has taught, attended, or otherwise completed, during the 2-year period  
2 immediately preceding the renewal date specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a), 30 credit  
3 hours of continuing education related to the practice of dentistry or the practice of  
4 medicine, including not less than 25 credit hours of instruction in clinical dentistry  
5 or clinical medicine. Not more than 4 of the 30 hours may be from teaching.  
6 Continuing education does not satisfy the requirements under this subsection unless  
7 the continuing education is one of the following:

8 (a) Sponsored or recognized by a local, state, regional, national, or  
9 international dental or medical professional organization.

10 (b) A college-level course that is offered by a postsecondary institution  
11 accredited by the American Dental Association commission on dental accreditation  
12 or a successor agency, or by another recognized accrediting body.

13 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to an applicant for renewal of a license that  
14 expires on the first renewal date after the date on which the examining board  
15 initially granted the license.

16 (3) Credit hours completed before the 2-year period immediately preceding  
17 renewal of a license to practice dentistry may not be applied to fulfill the credit hours  
18 required under sub. (1).

19 (4) The examining board may waive the continuing education requirements  
20 under sub. (1) if it finds that exceptional circumstances such as prolonged illness,  
21 disability, or other similar circumstances have prevented a person licensed to  
22 practice dentistry from meeting the requirement.

23 (5) A person who is licensed to practice dentistry shall keep a written record  
24 detailing each continuing education credit completed in compliance with sub. (1) and  
25 shall maintain the written record for not less than 6 years after the person completes

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1 each credit. The examining board may require applicants for renewal of a license to  
2 practice dentistry to submit proof of compliance with the requirements of this  
3 section.

4 (END)