

AMENDMENTS TO ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1307
AS AMENDED IN SENATE JULY 1, 2026

Amendment 1

On page 3, in line 28, after “program” insert:

approved by Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas

Amendment 2

On page 3, in lines 29 and 30, strike out “Program, as established in former Section 853,” and insert:

Program

Amendment 3

On page 3, strike out lines 32 to 40, inclusive, and insert:

(A) All of the following taught by an instructor who is affiliated with a California dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation:

- (i) Practical issues in pharmacology.
- (ii) Practical issues and diagnosis in oral pathology.
- (iii) Clinical applications.
- (iv) Biomedical sciences.
- (v) Clinical history management.
- (vi) Special patient care.
- (vii) Sedation techniques.
- (viii) Infection control guidelines.
- (B) Introduction to health care systems in California.
- (C) Introduction to community clinic operations.

Amendment 4

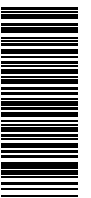
On page 4, in line 4, strike out “The” and insert:

Notwithstanding subdivision (c) of Section 30, the

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On page 4, in line 16, after “participant” insert:

is denied a visa or



Amendment 6

On page 4, in line 25, strike out “A document” and insert:

Copies of documents

Amendment 7

On page 4, in line 25, after “be” insert:

from

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On page 4, in line 26, strike out “source document.” and insert:

source.

Amendment 9

On page 4, in line 29, after “(f)” insert:

(1)

Amendment 10

On page 4, in line 29, strike out “and associated Controlled” and insert:

shall be the lesser of nine hundred fifty-seven dollars (\$957) or the reasonable regulatory costs of administering the program.

(2) The Controlled

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On page 4, in line 30, strike out “one”, strike out line 31 and insert:

paid pursuant to Section 208.

Amendment 12

On page 4, in line 32, strike out “the”, strike out line 33 and insert:

either of the following, as applicable:

(1) If subdivision (d) does not apply, the date on which the board issues a license to the applicant.

(2) If subdivision (d) applies, the date on which the board issues the notification described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (d) to the applicant.

Amendment 13

On page 4, in line 35, strike out “both” and insert:

all

Amendment 14

On page 4, between lines 38 and 39, insert:

(C) Pass the ADEX Dental Examination.

Amendment 15

On page 5, in line 22, strike out “Representatives from California” and insert:

Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas

Amendment 16

On page 5, in line 23, strike out “that executed and implemented”, strike out line 24 and in line 25, strike out “Pilot Program”

Amendment 17

On page 6, in line 17, after “a” insert:

California

Amendment 18

On page 6, in lines 17 and 18, strike out “in California approved by the board” and insert:

accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation

Amendment 19

On page 6, strike out lines 24 to 40, inclusive, on page 7, strike out lines 1 to 8, inclusive, in line 9, strike out “(o)” and insert:

(n)

Amendment 20

On page 7, strike out lines 11 to 13, inclusive, and insert:

(o) It is the intent of the Legislature that the board implement the program within six months of receiving an amount of philanthropic funds pursuant to subdivision (n) equal to or greater than two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000).

(p) (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that the board administer the program without adopting regulations.

(2) If the board determines that regulations are necessary to effectively administer the program, all of the following apply:

(A) The board may adopt emergency regulations to implement the program pursuant to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

(B) The adoption of emergency regulations under this subdivision is deemed to address an emergency, for purposes of Sections 11346.1 and 11349.6 of the Government Code, and the board is exempted for this purpose from the requirements of subdivision (b) of Section 11346.1 of the Government Code.

(C) The emergency regulations shall remain in effect for no longer than 18 months after adoption and, for purposes of subdivision (e) of Section 11346.1 of the Government Code, the 180-day period, as applicable to the effective period of an emergency regulatory action and submission of specified materials to the Office of Administrative Law, is extended to the end of that 18-month period.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1307

AMENDED IN SENATE JULY 1, 2026

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 3, 2026

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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1307



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**Introduced by Assembly Member Ávila Farías
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bains and Jackson)**

February 21, 2025

An act to repeal and add Article 2.7 (commencing with Section 1645.4) of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

legislative counsel's digest

AB 1307, as amended, Ávila Farías. Licensed Dentists from Mexico Pilot Program.

Existing law, the Licensed Dentists from Mexico Pilot Program, requires the Dental Board of California to issue 3-year nonrenewable permits to practice dentistry to dentists from Mexico who meet specified criteria.

This bill would repeal those provisions and replace them with a new Licensed Dentists from Mexico Pilot Program. Under that new program, the bill would require the board to issue a 3-year nonrenewable license to practice dentistry to an applicant that meets specified criteria, and require participants in the program to comply with specified

requirements. The bill would authorize participants to be employed only by federally qualified health centers that meet specified conditions, and would impose requirements on those centers. ~~The bill would require an evaluation of the program to be commenced beginning one year after the program has commenced, as specified, and would prescribe the information to be included in that evaluation.~~ The bill would require the costs for the program to be fully paid for by funds provided by philanthropic foundations. ~~The bill would make the program operative six months after the board receives written confirmation that the costs for administering the program have been secured.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

Page 2 1 SECTION 1. Article 2.7 (commencing with Section 1645.4)
2 of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code
3 is repealed.
4 SEC. 2. Article 2.7 (commencing with Section 1645.4) is added
5 to Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code,
6 to read:
7
8 Article 2.7. Licensed Dentists from Mexico Pilot Program
+
10 1645.4. (a) For purposes of this article, the following
11 definitions apply:
12 (1) “Board” means the Dental Board of California.
13 (2) “License” means a license issued pursuant to subdivision
14 (c).
15 (3) “Participant” means a person who has been issued a license
16 pursuant to subdivision (c).
17 (4) “Program” means the Licensed Dentists from Mexico Pilot
18 Program.
19 (b) (1) The program is hereby created.
20 (2) (A) The board shall accept 30 participating dentists pursuant
21 to the procedures in this section.
22 (B) The board shall maintain an alternate list of program
23 applicants.

Page 2 24 (C) If a participant leaves the program for any reason, the board
25 shall choose an applicant from the alternate list described in
26 subparagraph (B) to fill the vacancy.

Page 3 1 (c) The board shall issue a three-year nonrenewable license to
2 practice dentistry to an applicant who submits an application to
3 the board on a form prescribed by the board and that, as supported
4 by primary source documents provided to the board from an
5 educational institution, certifying body, licensing agency, testing
6 entity, United States government agency, or other official evidence,
7 meets all of the following criteria:
8 (1) The applicant graduated from a dental program accredited
9 by either of the following:
10 ~~(A) Consejo Nacional de Educación Odontológica, A.C.~~
11 ~~(B) Comités Interinstitucionales para la Evaluación de la~~
12 ~~Educación Superior.~~
13 (2) The applicant is certified by the Asociación Dental Mexicana
14 through a written examination that confirms competency of all of
15 the following clinical experiences:
16 ~~(A) Oral diagnosis and treatment planning.~~
17 ~~(B) Periodontics.~~
18 ~~(C) Direct restorations.~~
19 ~~(D) Indirect restorations.~~
20 ~~(E) Endodontics.~~
21 ~~(F) Removal prosthodontics.~~
22 (3) The applicant has a license to practice from the Secretaría
23 de Educación Pública Dirección General de Profesiones.
24 (4) The applicant has satisfactorily completed the Test of English
25 as a Foreign Language by scoring a minimum of 85 or the
26 Occupational English Test with a minimum score of 350.
27 (5) The applicant has satisfactorily completed an orientation
28 program *approved by Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas* in
29 connection with the Licensed Physicians and Dentists from Mexico
30 Pilot Program, as established in former Section 853, Program that
31 includes all of the following components:
32 ~~(A) Dental protocols.~~
33 ~~(B) Community clinic history and operations.~~
34 ~~(C) Dental administration.~~
35 ~~(D) Dental law and ethics.~~
36 ~~(E) Managed care standards, practices, and procedures.~~

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SUBSTANTIVE

Page 3 37 ~~(F) Medication documentation and script protocols and~~
38 ~~procedures.~~
39 ~~(G) The California dental delivery system.~~
40 ~~(H) Health maintenance organizations.~~
+ (A) *All of the following taught by an instructor who is affiliated*
+ *with a California dental school accredited by the Commission on*
+ *Dental Accreditation:*
+ (i) *Practical issues in pharmacology.*
+ (ii) *Practical issues and diagnosis in oral pathology.*
+ (iii) *Clinical applications.*
+ (iv) *Biomedical sciences.*
+ (v) *Clinical history management.*
+ (vi) *Special patient care.*
+ (vii) *Sedation techniques.*
+ (viii) *Infection control guidelines.*
+ (B) *Introduction to health care systems in California.*
+ (C) *Introduction to community clinic operations.*
Page 4 1 (6) Except as provided by subdivision (d), provide the board
2 with an individual taxpayer identification number or social security
3 number.
4 (d) (1) ~~The~~ *Notwithstanding subdivision (c) of Section 30, the*
5 board shall issue a license to an applicant who has not provided
6 an individual taxpayer identification number or social security
+ number if both of the following conditions are satisfied:
7 (A) The board determines the applicant is otherwise eligible for
8 a license.
9 (B) The applicant provides evidence to the board that the
10 applicant has sought an appropriate three-year visa and
11 accompanying social security number.
12 (2) (A) A participant who has been issued a license pursuant
13 to paragraph (1) shall provide the board with the social security
14 number within 10 days of receipt of a social security card and
15 related visa.
16 (B) The board may terminate a license if a participant *is denied*
17 *a visa or fails to comply with subparagraph (A).*
18 (3) If the board determines that a participant has met the
19 requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2), the board shall notify the
20 applicant that the applicant may engage in the practice of dentistry
21 under the license issued pursuant to paragraph (1).

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Page 4 22 (e) (1) An applicant shall submit copies of documents
23 establishing that the applicant meets the criteria described in
24 subdivision (c) to the board.
25 (2) ~~A document~~ *Copies of documents* submitted pursuant to this
26 subdivision shall be ~~from a primary source document.~~ *source.*
27 (3) The board shall confirm the authenticity of a document
28 submitted pursuant to this subdivision.
29 (f) (1) The fee for a license ~~and associated~~ *Controlled* shall be
+ *the lesser of nine hundred fifty-seven dollars (\$957) or the*
+ *reasonable regulatory costs of administering the program.*
30 (2) *The Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation*
31 *System fee shall be one thousand two dollars (\$1002).* ~~paid~~
+ *pursuant to Section 208.*
32 (g) The three-year period for a license shall commence on ~~the~~
33 ~~first day the participant engages in the practice of dentistry.~~ *either*
+ *of the following, as applicable:*
+ (1) *If subdivision (d) does not apply, the date on which the board*
+ *issues a license to the applicant.*
+ (2) *If subdivision (d) applies, the date on which the board issues*
+ *the notification described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (d) to*
+ *the applicant.*
34 (h) (1) Before engaging in the practice of dentistry, a participant
35 shall do ~~both~~ *all* of the following:
36 (A) Complete an eight-hour infection control course pursuant
37 to subdivision (b) of Section 1755.
38 (B) Pass the California Dental Law and Ethics Examination.
+ (C) *Pass the ADEX Dental Examination.*
39 (2) For each year that a participant has a license, the participant
40 shall comply with Article 2.6 (commencing with Section 1645).

Page 5 5 (i) (1) A license shall be deemed to be in good standing pursuant
6 to the provisions of this chapter for the purpose of participation
7 and reimbursement in all federal, state, and local health programs,
8 including, but not limited to, all of the following:
9 (A) The Medicare Program.
10 (B) The fee-for-service system of the Medi-Cal program.
11 (C) The managed care delivery system of the Medi-Cal program.
12 (D) Private insurance.
13 (2) A license shall not carry any designation that the participant
14 is a participant in the program.

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Page 5 15 (j) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), suspension or
16 revocation of a license shall be governed by Article 4 (commencing
17 with Section 1670).

18 (2) In addition to the requirements of Article 4 (commencing
19 with Section 1670), the board shall notify a participant of a
20 suspension or revocation of a license by certified mail, return
21 receipt requested, at the participant's address of record.

22 (k) ~~Representatives from California~~ *Clinica de Salud del Valle*
23 *de Salinas* and the National Autonomous University of Mexico
24 ~~that executed and implemented the provisions of the former~~
25 ~~Physicians and Dentists from Mexico Pilot Program~~ shall be the
+ points of contact for all of the following:

26 (1) Securing required documents.
27 (2) Recruiting and vetting candidates.
28 (3) Assisting candidates for the program in Mexico in meeting
29 all program requirements.
30 (4) Selecting appropriate federally qualified health centers
31 throughout California.
32 (5) Ensuring compliance with program provisions.
33 (6) Developing policy and clinical workshops.
34 (7) Monitoring productivity and increased access to dental care.
35 (8) Assessing the necessity of policy and programmatic
36 improvements.
37 (9) Working with the governments of Mexico and the United
38 States to obtain the visas required for program participation.

39 (l) A participant may only be employed by a federally qualified
40 health center that meets all of the following conditions:

Page 6 1 (1) The center has at least one health professional shortage area
2 or dental professional shortage area within its service area, as
3 determined by the Department of Health Care Access and
4 Information:
5 (2) The center has dental quality assurance protocols.
6 (3) The center is either of the following:
7 (A) Accredited by any of the following:
8 (i) The Joint Commission.
9 (ii) The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.
10 (iii) The National Committee for Quality Assurance.
11 (B) Affiliated with a federally qualified health center that
12 satisfies subparagraph (A).

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Amendment 16

Page 6 13 (m) A federally qualified health center that employs a participant
14 shall do all of the following:
15 (1) Continue the peer review protocols and procedures required
16 by the federal government.
17 (2) Work with a *California* dental school ~~in California approved~~
18 ~~by the board accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation~~
19 to conduct 10 secondary peer reviews of randomly selected patient
20 encounters with each participant per six-month period and transmit
+ complete records of those encounters to the dental school.
21 (3) Provide all applicable employment benefits, salary, and
22 policies to the participant as it provides to other current employees,
23 including, but not limited to, malpractice insurance.
24 (n) ~~(1) Beginning one year after the program has commenced,~~
25 ~~an evaluation of the program shall be conducted by either of the~~
26 ~~following:~~
27 ~~(A) A dental school in California and the National Autonomous~~
28 ~~University of Mexico.~~
30 ~~(B) An independent consultant selected by the Director of~~
31 ~~Consumer Affairs.~~
32 ~~(2) The evaluation required by paragraph (1) shall include, but~~
33 ~~is not limited to, an evaluation of all of the following:~~
34 ~~(A) Quality of care provided by participants.~~
35 ~~(B) Adaptability of participants to California dental standards.~~
36 ~~(C) Impact on working and administrative environments in the~~
37 ~~federally qualified health centers employing participants.~~
38 ~~(D) Impact on interpersonal relations with dental licensed~~
39 ~~counterparts in the federally qualified health centers employing~~
40 ~~participants.~~
Page 7 1 (E) Responses by patients of participants.
2 (F) Impact on cultural and linguistic services.
3 (G) Increases in dental encounters provided by participants with
4 various patient populations.
5 (H) Increases in the number of various patient populations
6 seeking dental services from federally qualified health centers.
7 (3) The evaluation required by paragraph (1) shall be fully paid
8 for by funds provided by philanthropic foundations.
9 (o)
+ (n) The costs for administering the program shall be fully paid
10 for by funds provided by philanthropic foundations.

Amendments 17 & 18

Amendment 19

Page 7 11 ~~(p) This section shall become operative six months after the~~
 12 ~~board receives written confirmation that the costs for administering~~
 13 ~~the program have been secured.~~
 + (o) *It is the intent of the Legislature that the board implement*
 + *the program within six months of receiving an amount of*
 + *philanthropic funds pursuant to subdivision (n) equal to or greater*
 + *than two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000).*
 + (p) (1) *It is the intent of the Legislature that the board*
 + *administer the program without adopting regulations.*
 + (2) *If the board determines that regulations are necessary to*
 + *effectively administer the program, all of the following apply:*
 + (A) *The board may adopt emergency regulations to implement*
 + *the program pursuant to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section*
 + *11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.*
 + (B) *The adoption of emergency regulations under this*
 + *subdivision is deemed to address an emergency, for purposes of*
 + *Sections 11346.1 and 11349.6 of the Government Code, and the*
 + *board is exempted for this purpose from the requirements of*
 + *subdivision (b) of Section 11346.1 of the Government Code.*
 + (C) *The emergency regulations shall remain in effect for no*
 + *longer than 18 months after adoption and, for purposes of*
 + *subdivision (e) of Section 11346.1 of the Government Code, the*
 + *180-day period, as applicable to the effective period of an*
 + *emergency regulatory action and submission of specified materials*
 + *to the Office of Administrative Law, is extended to the end of that*
 + *18-month period.*

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