

House Professional Licensure Committee

Meeting Agenda

June 30, 2025 Call of the Chair Room 60 East Wing

Call to Order

Roll call

HOUSE BILL 1646 (Carroll) – Changes the quorum for the Board of Barber Examiners to a majority instead of a specified number (six board members).

SENATE BILL 838 (Culver) – Amends the Private Licensed Schools Act to exempt real estate and appraiser schools.

SENATE BILL 842 (Brown) – Amends the Dental Law to allow dentists with a restricted faculty license to practice at dental schools and their off-campus affiliated health care facilities.

Any other business

Adjournment

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1646 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY CARROLL, HILL-EVANS, WAXMAN, MENTZER AND D. WILLIAMS, JUNE 23, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, JUNE 23, 2025

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 19, 1931 (P.L.589, No.202), entitled "An act to promote the public health and safety, by providing 2 for the examination and licensure of those who desire to 3 engage in the profession of barbering; regulating barber shops and barber schools, and students therein; regulating compensation for service rendered; conferring certain powers 6 and duties on the Department of State; and providing 7 penalties," further providing for State Board of Barber 8 Examiners. 9 10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 11 12 Section 1. Section 2.2(d) of the act of June 19, 1931 13 (P.L.589, No.202), referred to as the Barbers' License Law, is 14 amended to read: Section 2.2. * * * 15 16 [Six members of the board shall constitute a quorum.] A (d) 17 majority of the members of the board who are lawfully serving on 18 the board shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of 19 conducting the business of the board. 20 * * * 21 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No: HB1646 PN1996 **Prepared By:** Kari Orchard

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6241

Sponsor: Carroll, Andre Executive Kari Orchard Date: 6/26/2025

Director:

A. Brief Concept

Changes quorum requirements for the State Board of Barber Examiners.

C. Analysis of the Bill

HB 1646 amends the Barbers' License Law (Act 202 of 1931) to establish that a quorum shall be a majority of members of the board.

Current law requires six board members to be present to constitute a quorum in order to conduct the business of the board. The board has struggled periodically with multiple vacancies, going through periods of time where there are not six board members seated. This inability to reach a quorum prevents the board from meeting, approving applications, taking disciplinary action, etc.

Effective Date:

This act shall take effect immediately.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Act 202 of 1931, known as the Barbers' License Law, provides for the State Board of Barber Examiners to regulate the profession.

Section 2.2 establishes that the board membership shall consist of:

- Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs;
- Director of the Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General, or his designee;
- Three members representing the public at large; and
- Six members who are licensed barbers with at least five years' experience as professional barbers immediately preceding appointment.

Each professional and public member shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Six members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 838

Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY CULVER, STEFANO AND FONTANA, JUNE 6, 2025

REFERRED TO EDUCATION, JUNE 6, 2025

AN ACT

- Amending the act of December 15, 1986 (P.L.1585, No.174),
 entitled "An act defining and providing for the licensing and
 regulation of private schools; establishing the State Board
 of Private Licensed Schools; imposing penalties; and making
 repeals," further providing for definitions.

 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 hereby enacts as follows:
- 8 Section 1. The definition of "private licensed school" in
- 9 section 2 of the act of December 15, 1986 (P.L.1585, No.174),
- 10 known as the Private Licensed Schools Act, is amended to read:
- 11 Section 2. Definitions.
- 12 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
- 13 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 14 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 15 * * *
- 16 "Private licensed school." A school or classes operated for
- 17 profit or tuition that provides resident instruction to prepare
- 18 an individual to pursue an occupation in the skilled trades,
- 19 industry or business, or systematic instruction by distance
- 20 education in a field of study. It shall not include a private

- 1 academic school as defined in section 2 of the act of January
- 2 28, 1988 (P.L.24, No.11), known as the Private Academic Schools
- 3 Act; a school maintained or a class conducted for training for
- 4 the vocation of homemaking or to give training in public and
- 5 other service occupations; a barber school; a school of
- 6 cosmetology; <u>a school or provider approved by the State Real</u>
- 7 Estate Commission or the State Board of Certified Real Estate
- 8 Appraisers; a flight school; a private tutorial school,
- 9 including, but not limited to, a school of music or dance; an
- 10 institution granting a degree other than those approved to award
- 11 the degree of associate in specialized business or associate in
- 12 specialized technology; a school or class conducted by an
- 13 employer or trade union for employees or union members where no
- 14 fee or tuition is charged; a school owned and operated by a bona
- 15 fide religious institution whose only purpose is the providing
- 16 of religious instruction; a school conducted by the Commonwealth
- 17 or a political subdivision thereof; or a school which is
- 18 operated by a hospital licensed under the act of July 19, 1979
- 19 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, and
- 20 which is accredited by a regional or national accreditation
- 21 agency.
- 22 * * *
- 23 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No: SB0838 PN0904 Prepared By: Kari Orchard

Committee: Professional Licensure 717-787-6882, ext. 6241

Sponsor: Schlegel Culver, Lynda Executive Director: Kari Orchard

Date: 6/10/2025

A. Brief Concept

Exempts real estate and appraiser schools from the Private Licensed Schools Act.

C. Analysis of the Bill

Amends the **Private Licensed Schools Act** (Act 174 or 1986) to exempt real estate and appraiser schools from oversight of the State Board of Private Licensed Schools.

SB 838 changes the definition of "Private Licensed School" by adding that a school or provider approved by the State Real Estate Commission or the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers is not included in the definition and thus is exempt from the Act.

Effective Date:

This act shall take effect immediately.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

The **Private Licensed School Act of 1986** empowers the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) to license and regulate certain vocational training schools. Several categories of schools are exempt from the Act. Many of those exempted are instead regulated by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA), within the Pennsylvania Department of State.

Real estate and appraiser schools are not currently exempted in the Act but, in practice, have been regulated through the Real Estate Commission and State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers.

The **Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act** (Act 9 of 1980) requires schools offering or conducting courses in real estate to gain approval of the Real Estate Commission and abide by the regulations of the commission. Commission regulations in 49 PA Code, Chapter 35 (Subchapter F) provide extensive requirements for school approval, curriculum, fees, records and other facets of education.

Similarly, real estate appraiser training is governed by the **Real Estate Appraisers Certification Act** (Act 103 of 2008) and the corresponding regulations in 49 PA Code, Chapter 36.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 842

Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY BROWN, ARGALL, FONTANA, FARRY AND VOGEL, JUNE 6, 2025

REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, JUNE 6, 2025

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.216, No.76), entitled "An 1 act relating to dentistry; defining and providing for the 2 licensing and registration of dentists and dental hygienists, 3 and for the revocation and suspension of such licenses and registrations, subject to appeal, and for their 5 reinstatement; defining the powers and duties of the State Dental Council and Examining Board and the Department of 7 Public Instruction; providing penalties; and repealing 8 existing laws," further providing for definitions, for general powers of the State Board of Dentistry, for penalties 10 and for restricted faculty license. 11 12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 13 hereby enacts as follows: 14 Section 1. The definitions of "practice of dentistry" and "restricted faculty license" in section 2 of the act of May 1, 15 16 1933 (P.L.216, No.76), known as The Dental Law, are amended to 17 read: 18 Section 2. Definitions. -- A person engages in the "Practice 19 of Dentistry," within the meaning of this act, who diagnoses, 20 treats, operates on, or prescribes for any disease, pain or 21 injury, or regulates any deformity or physical condition, of the human teeth, jaws, or associated structures, or conducts a 22

- 1 physical evaluation, or administers anesthetic agents, or uses
- 2 ionizing radiation in the course of dental practice, or who
- 3 fits, constructs, and inserts any artificial appliance, plate,
- 4 or denture for the human teeth or jaws, or who holds himself or
- 5 herself out as being able or legally authorized to do so. The
- 6 term "Practice of Dentistry" includes the practice of dentistry
- 7 under a restricted faculty license. The term "Practice of
- 8 Dentistry" does not include:
- 9 (a) The practice of any of the healing arts by duly licensed
- 10 practitioners.
- 11 (b) The extracting of teeth or relieving pain by a licensed
- 12 physician or surgeon in emergencies, or the making of
- 13 applications for such purposes.
- 14 (c) The practice of dentistry by a duly licensed
- 15 practitioner of dentistry of any other state or country, for the
- 16 limited purpose of consultation with respect to any case under
- 17 treatment in this Commonwealth, or of demonstrating before any
- 18 duly authorized dental society in this Commonwealth.
- 19 (e) The practice of dentistry in clinical departments and
- 20 laboratories of dental schools and their affiliated facilities
- 21 approved by the board in the Commonwealth, by bona fide students
- 22 pursuing a course of study leading to the degree of Doctor of
- 23 Dental Surgery or Doctor of Dental Medicine.
- 24 (f) The practice of dentistry in a dental clinic operated
- 25 not for profit for the duration of an internship, residency or
- 26 other graduate training program approved by the American Dental
- 27 Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or a dental
- 28 anesthesiology training program that meets the standards of an
- 29 accrediting body acceptable to the board, by persons having
- 30 acquired the preliminary and professional education required for

- 1 admission into the program, after notification to the board.
- 2 (g) The practice of dentistry in a clinical continuing
- 3 education course offered by a dental school in this Commonwealth
- 4 for a duration of [twenty days or less] one year, either
- 5 continuous or in several sessions, where dentists licensed in
- 6 the United States or other countries work under the direct
- 7 supervision of dentists licensed by the Commonwealth, and
- 8 delivered within the educational facilities of a dental school
- 9 in this Commonwealth that is approved by the American Dental
- 10 Association Commission on Dental Accreditation.
- 11 * * *
- "Restricted Faculty License" means a license granted to an
- 13 individual for the limited purpose of teaching, including
- 14 clinical teaching, in [a dental school or] any of the following:
- 15 (1) A clinical facility owned and operated by a dental
- 16 school or affiliated academic health care center when the
- 17 clinical facility or affiliated academic health care center is
- 18 not operated for the profit of the dental school or any
- 19 affiliated third party.
- 20 (2) An advanced dental education program as a faculty member
- 21 at an accredited dental school in this Commonwealth.
- 22 * * *
- 23 Section 2. Sections 3(c), (d) and (d.1)(1) introductory
- 24 paragraph, 10(q.1) and 11.11(a) introductory paragraph and (3)
- 25 and (b) of the act are amended to read:
- 26 Section 3. General Powers of the State Board of Dentistry.--
- 27 The State Board of Dentistry (hereinafter called the board)
- 28 shall have the following powers and duties:
- 29 * * *
- 30 (c) To provide for and to regulate the licensing, and to

- 1 license to practice dentistry, after examination, any duly
- 2 qualified applicant, at least twenty-one years of age, of good
- 3 moral character, not addicted to the use of intoxicating liquor
- 4 or narcotic drugs, who has obtained the required education,
- 5 together with a diploma from an approved institution or college
- 6 conferring upon him or her the degree of doctor of dental
- 7 surgery or other established dental degree. <u>In assessing the</u>
- 8 moral character of an individual with a criminal conviction, the
- 9 <u>board shall conduct an individualized assessment in accordance</u>
- 10 with 63 Pa.C.S. § 3113 (relating to consideration of criminal
- 11 <u>convictions</u>). The board shall not issue a license to an
- 12 applicant who has been convicted of a felony under the act of
- 13 April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as "The Controlled
- 14 Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act," or of an offense
- 15 under the laws of another jurisdiction which if committed in
- 16 this Commonwealth would be a felony under "The Controlled
- 17 Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, "unless: (1) at least
- 18 ten (10) years have elapsed from the date of conviction, (2) the
- 19 applicant satisfactorily demonstrates to the board that he has
- 20 made significant progress in personal rehabilitation since the
- 21 conviction such that licensure of the applicant should not be
- 22 expected to create a substantial risk of harm to the health and
- 23 safety of his patients or the public or a substantial risk of
- 24 further criminal violations, and (3) the applicant otherwise
- 25 satisfies the qualifications contained in or authorized by this
- 26 act. As used in this section the term "convicted" shall include
- 27 a judgment, an admission of guilt or a plea of nolo contendere.
- 28 * * *
- 29 (d) To provide for and to regulate the licensing, and to
- 30 license as a dental hygienist, after examination, any duly

- 1 qualified person, not less than eighteen years of age, of good
- 2 moral character, not addicted to the use of intoxicating liquor
- 3 or narcotic drugs, who has obtained the required education for
- 4 the training of dental hygienists from an approved institution
- 5 or college that meets or exceeds the minimum standards
- 6 established by an approved United States Department of
- 7 Education-recognized regional accrediting agency or the American
- 8 Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. In
- 9 <u>assessing the moral character of an individual with a criminal</u>
- 10 conviction, the board shall conduct an individualized assessment
- 11 in accordance with 63 Pa.C.S. § 3113. The board shall,
- 12 consistent with this act, adopt regulations providing for the
- 13 general supervision and practice of dental hygienists under this
- 14 act.
- 15 (d.1) (1) To provide for and to regulate the certification
- 16 and to certify as an expanded function dental assistant any duly
- 17 qualified person[,] who is not less than eighteen years of age,
- 18 of good moral character[,] and not addicted to the use of
- 19 intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs[, who has:]. In assessing
- 20 the moral character of an individual with a criminal conviction,
- 21 the board shall conduct an individualized assessment in
- 22 <u>accordance with 63 Pa.C.S. § 3113. To be a duly qualified person</u>
- 23 for a certification as an expanded function dental assistant,
- 24 the person must have:
- 25 * * *
- 26 Section 10. Penalties. -- * * *
- 27 (g.1) It is unlawful for any restricted faculty licensee to
- 28 practice dentistry outside the [primary facilities of the dental
- 29 school] <u>facilities owned or operated by a dental school</u>, an
- 30 affiliated academic health care center or a dental school-owned

- 1 <u>faculty practice</u> in this Commonwealth at which the individual is
- 2 licensed to teach.
- 3 * * *
- 4 Section 11.11. Restricted Faculty License. -- (a) The board
- 5 shall grant without examination a restricted faculty license to
- 6 any qualified individual[,] <u>under this subsection who is</u> not
- 7 less than twenty-five years of age, of good moral character[,]
- 8 <u>and</u> not addicted to the use of intoxicating liquor or narcotic
- 9 drugs[, who satisfies the following criteria:]. In assessing the
- 10 moral character of an individual with a criminal conviction, the
- 11 board shall conduct an individualized assessment in accordance
- 12 with 63 Pa.C.S. § 3113 (relating to consideration of criminal
- 13 convictions). To be a qualified individual under this
- 14 subsection, the individual must satisfy the following criteria:
- 15 * * *
- 16 (3) Has successfully completed [a] any of the following:
- 17 <u>(i) A</u> specialty dentistry program, or advanced dental
- 18 training in a clinical field, including advanced education in_
- 19 <u>general dentistry or general practice residency</u>, that is
- 20 approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the
- 21 American Dental Association.
- 22 <u>(ii) Training in a dental specialty or in advanced clinical</u>
- 23 education from an international program.
- 24 * * *
- 25 (b) A restricted faculty license shall entitle the licensee
- 26 to engage as a full-time faculty member in direct clinical
- 27 teaching <u>and practice</u>, which shall include practicing clinical
- 28 care for the purpose of instructing and teaching students and
- 29 residents, [and] supervision of care provided by students and
- 30 residents and practicing dentistry at an educational clinic for

- 1 the purpose of maintaining skills, in no more than one area of
- 2 specialty or in general dentistry, only within the educational
- 3 facilities [of] owned or operated by a dental school, an
- 4 <u>affiliated academic health care center or a dental school-owned</u>
- 5 <u>faculty practice</u> in this Commonwealth that is approved by the
- 6 Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental
- 7 Association. [Licensees shall be limited to the primary
- 8 facilities within the dental school and may not engage in
- 9 clinical teaching at satellite or other off-campus sites, such
- 10 as clinics. The practice of dentistry at any satellite or off-
- 11 campus site requires an unrestricted license to practice
- 12 dentistry issued by the board.]
- 13 * * *
- 14 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No: SB0842 PN0914 **Prepared By:** Kari Orchard

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6241

Sponsor: Brown, Rosemary Executive Kari Orchard Date: 6/26/2025

Director:

A. Brief Concept

Allows dentists with a restricted faculty license to practice at dental schools and their offcampus affiliated health care facilities.

C. Analysis of the Bill

Senate Bill 842 amends The Dental Law (Act 76 of 1933) to expand where a dentist with a restricted faculty license may practice and allow those licensees to practice for continuing education purposes for up to one year without a state license.

Teaching CE Courses

The bill increases the time an international or out-of-state dentist can teach dentistry in a CE course offered by a dental school in Pennsylvania for up to one year (increased from 20 days) without a Pennsylvania license. These individuals must work under the direct supervision of a licensed Pennsylvania dentist and practice at an approved educational facility.

Restricted Faculty License

A licensee holding a restricted faculty license may teach at any clinical facility owned and operated by a dental school or an affiliated academic health care center that is not for profit. This is an expansion from current law that restricts teaching to the primary facility of a dental school. Licensees may also engage in clinical teaching or practice at dental school-owned faculty practices.

The bill expands the types of education that qualify for a restricted faculty license to include:

- Advanced education in general dentistry or general practice residency approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the ADA; and
- Training in a dental specialty or advanced clinical education from an international program.

Miscellaneous Provisions

The bill updates language surrounding assessments of moral character throughout the act.

It also removes language limiting those with a restricted faculty license from practicing at satellite or other off-campus locations, such as clinics.

Effective Date:

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

The dental profession is governed by Act 76 of 1933, known as The Dental Law, as well as by regulations of the Board of Dentistry in Title 49, Chapter 33 of the PA Code.

Restricted faculty licenses were established by Act 89 of 2014, with the allowance for internationally trained dentists to utilize this license coming via Act 60 of 2015.

"Restricted Faculty License" is defined as a license granted to an individual for the limited purpose of teaching, including clinical teaching, in a dental school or advanced dental education program as a faculty member at an accredited dental school in this Commonwealth.

Section 11.11 of The Dental Law restricts faculty licensees to practicing only in the primary facility of the dental school and prohibits clinical teaching at a satellite location or other school-affiliated clinic off campus. Dentists with an unrestricted license may engage in clinical teaching and practice at off-site locations.

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