

**IMPORTANT NOTICE Regarding the Regional Examination for Dentists
and Dental Hygienists**

To: Licensed Dental Practitioners
Registered Dental Hygienists

From: Division of Professional Regulation

Date: June 24, 2009

RE: Examination Changes for Dentists/Dental Hygienists

On June 19, 2009, Governor Pat Quinn signed into the law P.A. 96-0014, which amended the Illinois Dental Practice Act (Act) to allow for greater flexibility for those individuals who may want to be licensed in Illinois.

The changes to the licensing Act provides that individuals applying for a dental license in Illinois would be allowed to present satisfactory evidence that they have passed both parts of the National Board Dental Examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations and successfully completed an examination conducted by one of the following regional testing services:

- Central Regional Dental Testing Services, Inc. (CRDTS)
- Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. (SRTA)
- Western Regional Examining Board (WREB)
- North East Regional Board (NERB)

The legislation and actions for HB0563 may be viewed on-line at:
<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=0563&GAID=10&GA=96&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=40965&SessionID=76>