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EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-40

WHEREAS, a state of emergency was declared by Governor Doug Burgum on March 13, 2020, in response to the public health crisis resulting from COVID-19; Executive Order 2020-03 activated the State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP), implementing appropriate response and recovery actions and future mitigation measures; and,

WHEREAS, with the guidance and assistance of the State Health Officer and the Director of Emergency Services, the State is actively responding to the COVID-19 crisis and working to gather, coordinate, and deploy goods, services, professionals and volunteers of all types and kinds; and,

WHEREAS, during this public health emergency, an increased number of health care practitioners must be available to provide care and treatment to provide care and treatment to North Dakota citizens impacted by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, strict compliance with certain provisions of North Dakota law which would otherwise limit health care and behavioral health providers, including individuals seeking initial licensure from the Board of Dental Examiners, could hinder or impede an effective State response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, Doug Burgum, Governor of North Dakota, by virtue of the authority under Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution and North Dakota Century Code 37-17.1 hereby suspends the "patient-based" requirement for clinical competency examinations for applicants seeking initial dentist licensure from the North Dakota Board of Dental Examiners, pursuant to N.D.A.C. 20-02-01-03.1(2).

This Executive Order is based upon the following authority and issued for the following reasons:

1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1, of the North Dakota Constitution.
2. The Governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders, to minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code.
3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriate government departments is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this state.

This Order will become effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

Executed at the State Capitol in Bismarck, North Dakota, this 3rd day of September, 2020.

Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State