

1 **Resolution Number:** 300-2024

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3 **Title:** Licensure Portability

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5 **Reference Committee Assignment:** Licensure and Education

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7 **Sponsor(s):** 2023-24 Governance Committee

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9 **Financial Impact:** None

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11 **Board of Trustees Comments:** The Board recommends a yes vote.

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13 **Reference Committee Comments:** The Reference Committee acknowledges that the verbal
14 testimony provided was a point of inquiry and that it is addressed in the exiting language of the
15 resolution. Written testimony was submitted to the Reference Committee supporting the
16 resolution. The Reference Committee recommends a yes vote and to be placed on the Consent
17 Calendar.

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20 **Background:** Current challenges with the dental licensing process make it difficult for graduating
21 students and practitioners to move freely among states to practice dentistry. Due to a lack of national or
22 universally accepted license, graduating dental students and practitioners are often burdened with
23 severe financial, administrative, and clinical requirements to receive a dental license in multiple states.
24 Sometimes students attend school in a state different from where they intend to practice five or ten
25 years in the future. Other times, practitioners move for family or other reasons such as the case for
26 military spouses. ASDA supports licensure portability efforts that facilitate free movement between
27 states while continuing to practice dentistry. Dental compacts ease some of these burdens by allowing
28 eligible practitioners to practice in multiple states. This is a benefit for both the practitioner and public,
29 for it improves continuity of care and expands patient access to qualified dentists. Therefore, be it

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RESOLUTION

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35 **Resolved,** that the American Student Dental Association supports efforts to increase licensure
36 portability. ASDA supports the ability for licensed dental professionals to practice in other states without
37 needing to obtain an additional license. ASDA encourages dental boards to support interstate dental
38 compacts that allow for increased mobility for dentists to deliver care, assist in reducing barriers to care,
39 and support military members and their families.

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41 **Action:** The Chair moves resolution 300-2024 with a recommendation of a yes vote and to be
42 placed on the Consent Calendar.

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