

**[PRC BOARD OF DENTISTRY RESOLUTION NO. 07,
S. OF 2006, September 13, 2006]**

**PASSING THE THEORETICAL PHASE OF THE DENTAL LICENSURE
EXAMINATION AS A PRE-REQUISITE TO TAKING THE PRACTICAL
PHASE THEREOF**

WHEREAS, the Board of Dentistry (the Board) and the Professional Regulation Commission issue certificates of registration and professional registration cards to those who have met all the requirements of R.A. No. 4419, "The Philippine Dental Act of 1965", and R.A. No. 8981, the "PRC Modernization Act of 2000", for the practice of dentistry including passing the dental licensure examination which covers the Theoretical (written) and Practical (performance) phases;

WHEREAS, the said two (2) phases are being taken and rated pursuant to Board Resolution No. 277, Series of 1989, which states, to wit: "x x x in order to pass the Dentist Licensure examination, an examinee must obtain a General Average Rating of at least 75% after combining the average rating in the theoretical and practical examinations and dividing the suM by two: Provided, that the examinee's average rating either in the theoretical or in the practical examination shall not be less than 70% and has no rating below 50% in any given subject or exercise: Provided, further, that if an examinee obtained a general average rating of 75% but gets an average rating of below 70% in the theoretical examination or in the practical exercises, or vice-versa, is considered conditioned, and shall repeat the examination below 70%: Provided, finally, that an examinee who obtained a general average rating below 75% but gets an average rating of 75% in the theoretical or in the practical exercises, or vice-versa, is also considered conditioned and shall repeat only the examination where he/she gets below 75% x x x";

WHEREAS, under the aforequoted rule, there are numerous examinees who took the dental licensure examination for five (5) to eight (8) times, failing its theoretical phase but passing its practical phase;

WHEREAS, it is reported that these examinees, albeit not registered as dentists, have illegally practiced dentistry in the provinces and far-flung places;

WHEREAS, these illegal practitioners' possession of mere skills alone without knowledge of the dental theories poses great danger to their unwary dental patients;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to modify and improve the present system of conducting and rating the dental licensure examination by requiring examinees to take the practical phase only after they shall have first passed its theoretical aspect;

WHEREAS, this change will enable the board to determine if the examinees are equipped with cognitive knowledge of the profession before the evaluation of their