

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2126

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Health & Long-Term Care, February 22, 1996

Title: An act relating to inactive licenses for dentists.

Brief Description: Allowing a dentist to obtain an inactive license.

Sponsors: Representatives Dyer, Cody, Sheldon, Smith, Van Luven, Thompson and Murray.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Health & Long-Term Care: 2/22/96 [DPA].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE

Majority Report: Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Quigley, Chair; Wojahn, Vice Chair; Deccio, Fairley, Franklin, Moyer, Thibaudeau, Winsley and Wood.

Staff: Rhoda Jones (786-7198)

Background: The Dental Quality Assurance Commission governs the practice of dentistry by examining applicants for licensure and acting as the dental disciplinary authority.

A person may not practice dentistry without obtaining a license, which is renewable annually, and paying a license fee, currently set at \$220.

There is no inactive license status for dentists retiring from the practice or moving out of state or otherwise ceasing practice in this state. Such a license would require a lower fee.

Summary of Amended Bill: The Dental Quality Assurance Commission is authorized to establish by rule an inactive license status. A dentist may place his or her license on inactive status, but may not practice without first activating the license.

Amended Bill Compared to Original Bill: Technical changes are made.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: This bill provides the Dental Quality Assurance Commission with necessary flexibility.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Linda Hull, WSDA (pro); Ron Weaver, DOH.