
SENATE BILL 5634

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By Senators Cantu, Bailey and A. Smith.

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1 AN ACT Relating to sterilization and infection control in dentists'
2 offices; amending RCW 18.32.725; and adding a new section to chapter
3 18.32 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.32.725 and 1935 c 112 s 27 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 It shall be the duty of every person engaged in the practice of
8 dentistry or who shall own, operate, or manage any dental office to
9 keep said office and dental equipment in a thoroughly clean and
10 sanitary condition and to fulfill the requirements for sterilization of
11 equipment and infection control adopted by the board under section 2 of
12 this act. Failure to comply with the duty established under this
13 section is unprofessional conduct.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.32 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The dental disciplinary board shall adopt rules establishing
4 minimum requirements for sterilization of equipment and infection
5 control in dentists' offices. In adopting the rules, the dental
6 disciplinary board shall consider standards established by national
7 health associations for sterilization of equipment and infection
8 control, including standards adopted for surgical procedures.