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1 AN ACT Relating to granting temporary licenses to dental hygienists
2 licensed in another state; and adding a new section to chapter 18.29
3 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.29 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) A person holding a valid license and currently engaged in
8 practice in another state shall be granted a temporary license without
9 examination required by this chapter, on the payment of any required
10 fees. The term of the temporary license is two years. The secretary
11 may require the applicant to: (a) File with the secretary
12 documentation certifying the applicant is licensed to practice in
13 another state; and (b) provide information as the secretary deems
14 necessary pertaining to the conditions and criteria of the uniform

1 disciplinary act, chapter 18.130 RCW and to demonstrate to the
2 secretary a knowledge of Washington law pertaining to the practice of
3 dental hygiene.

4 (2) Dental hygienists practicing under a temporary license granted
5 under this section shall have the authority to perform traditional
6 hygienist duties, which are limited to:

7 (a) Oral inspection and measuring of periodontal pockets, with no
8 diagnosis;

9 (b) Patient education in oral hygiene;

10 (c) Taking intra-oral and extra-oral radiographs;

11 (d) Applying topical preventive or prophylactic agents;

12 (e) Polishing and smoothing restorations;

13 (f) Oral prophylaxis and removal of deposits and stains from the
14 surfaces of the teeth;

15 (g) Recording health histories;

16 (h) Taking and recording blood pressure and vital signs;

17 (i) Performing sub-gingival and supra-gingival scaling; and

18 (j) Performing root planing.

19 (3) Dental hygienists granted a temporary license under this
20 section shall in no event perform the following operations or services:

21 (a) Give injections of local anesthetic; or

22 (b) Place restorations into the cavity prepared by the dentist and
23 thereafter carve, contour, and adjust contacts and reclusion of the
24 restoration.