

2 SHB 1801 - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Health & Human Services

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature declares that the granting  
8 of temporary licenses under this act is not intended to be a solution  
9 to the shortage of dental hygienists in the state of Washington. The  
10 legislature further declares that the long-term solution to these  
11 shortages must be addressed by expanding dental hygiene training  
12 programs at the state's colleges and universities.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.29 RCW  
14 to read as follows:

15 (1) The department shall issue a temporary license without the  
16 examination required by this chapter to any applicant who, as  
17 determined by the secretary:

18 (a) Holds a valid license in another state that allows the scope of  
19 practice in subsection (3)(a) through (j) of this section;

20 (b) Is currently engaged in active practice in another state. For  
21 the purposes of this section, "active practice" means five hundred  
22 sixty hours of practice in the preceding twenty-four months;

23 (c) Files with the secretary documentation certifying that the  
24 applicant:

25 (i) Has graduated from an accredited dental hygiene school approved  
26 by the secretary;

27 (ii) Has successfully completed the dental hygiene national board  
28 examination; and

29 (iii) Is licensed to practice in another state;

30 (d) Provides information as the secretary deems necessary  
31 pertaining to the conditions and criteria of the uniform disciplinary  
32 act, chapter 18.130 RCW;

33 (e) Demonstrates to the secretary a knowledge of Washington state  
34 law pertaining to the practice of dental hygiene, including the  
35 administration of legend drugs;

1 (f) Pays any required fees; and

2 (g) Meets requirements for AIDS education.

3 (2) The term of the temporary license issued under this section is  
4 eighteen months and it is nonrenewable.

5 (3) A person practicing with a temporary license granted under this  
6 section has the authority to perform hygiene procedures that are  
7 limited to:

8 (a) Oral inspection and measuring of periodontal pockets;

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 surface of the teeth;

15 (g) Recording health histories;

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

17 (i) Performing subgingival and supragingival scaling; and

18 (j) Performing root planing.

19 (4)(a) A person practicing with a temporary license granted under  
20 this section may not perform the following dental hygiene procedures  
21 unless authorized in (b) or (c) of this subsection:

22 (i) Give injections of local anesthetic;

23 (ii) Place restorations into the cavity prepared by a licensed  
24 dentist and afterwards carve, contour, and adjust contacts and  
25 occlusion of the restoration;

26 (iii) Soft tissue curettage; or

27 (iv) Administer nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia.

28 (b) A person licensed in another state who can demonstrate  
29 substantively equivalent licensing standards in the administration of  
30 local anesthetic may receive a temporary endorsement to administer  
31 local anesthesia.

32 (c) A person licensed in another state who can demonstrate  
33 substantively equivalent licensing standards in restorative procedures  
34 may receive a temporary endorsement for restorative procedures.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 18.29 RCW  
36 to read as follows:

37 A person granted a temporary license under this chapter who does  
38 not meet the requirements for substantively equivalent licensing

1 standards in restorative or local anesthetic must submit proof of  
2 completion of approved education in these procedures before being  
3 eligible to take the dental hygiene examination.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 18.29 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 The secretary in consultation with the dental hygiene examining  
7 committee shall develop rules and definitions to implement this  
8 chapter.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.125  
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 (1) The state board for community and technical colleges, in  
12 coordination with the committee under this chapter, shall identify  
13 health professional training needs not currently met by community and  
14 technical colleges in the state. It shall recommend creation of new  
15 training programs necessary to meet the shortages and identify where  
16 such programs shall be located within the state's community and  
17 technical college system.

18 (2) Every publicly funded community and technical college  
19 identified by the board in subsection (1) of this section shall include  
20 in their biennial budget, and institutional plan, a description of the  
21 training programs that will be created by the college or institute to  
22 alleviate the shortages.

23 (3) Health personnel shortages shall be determined in accordance  
24 with the health personnel resource plan required by this chapter.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 2 through 4 of this act shall  
26 expire on June 30, 1997.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** (1) The department of health shall report to  
28 the legislature by December 1, 1996, on the need to continue granting  
29 temporary licenses to dental hygienists. The report shall identify  
30 alternatives to granting temporary licenses that meet the same goals  
31 and objectives, including increasing the number of dental hygienists  
32 trained in the state of Washington.

33 (2) A temporary licenses granted by the department under sections  
34 2 through 4 of this act is valid for the period issued."

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4 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "state;" strike the remainder  
5 of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter 18.29 RCW;  
6 adding a new section to chapter 28B.125 RCW; creating new sections; and  
7 providing an expiration date."

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