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1 AN ACT Relating to granting temporary licenses to dental hygienists
2 licensed in another state; amending RCW 18.29.005; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 18.29 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 who holds a valid license issued by another state that
8 permits the licensee to perform the procedures in subsection (2) of
9 this section and is engaged in active practice in that state shall be
10 granted a temporary license without the examination required by this
11 chapter. The term of the temporary license is eighteen months, and it
12 is nonrenewable. The secretary shall require the applicant to: (a)
13 File with the secretary documentation certifying that the applicant is
14 licensed to practice in another state; (b) file with the secretary
15 documentation certifying that the applicant has graduated from an
16 accredited dental hygiene school approved by the secretary; (c) provide
17 information as the secretary deems necessary pertaining to the
18 conditions and criteria of the uniform disciplinary act, chapter 18.130
19 RCW, and to demonstrate to the secretary a knowledge of Washington

1 state law pertaining to the practice of dental hygiene; (d) pay any
2 required fees; and (e) meet requirements for asepsis and AIDS
3 education.

4 (2) A dental hygienist practicing with a temporary license granted
5 under this section may perform hygiene procedures that are limited to:

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

7 (b) Patient education in oral hygiene;

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

9 (d) Applying topical preventive or prophylactic agents;

10 (e) Polishing and smoothing restorations;

11 (f) Oral prophylaxis and removal of deposits and stains from the
12 surface of the teeth;

13 (g) Recording health histories;

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

15 (i) Performing subgingival and supragingival scaling; and

16 (j) Root planing.

17 (3) A dental hygienist practicing with a temporary license may not
18 perform the following dental hygiene operations and services:

19 (a) Giving injections of local anesthetic;

20 (b) Placing restorations into a cavity prepared by a licensed
21 dentist and then carving, contouring, and adjusting the contacts and
22 reclusion of the restoration; or

23 (c) Soft tissue curettage.

24 (4) A person who holds a valid license issued by another state and
25 who demonstrates substantively equivalent education and training in the
26 administration of local anesthetic may be granted an endorsement on a
27 temporary license issued under this section to administer local
28 anesthesia. The endorsement expires with the temporary license.

29 (5) A person who holds a valid license issued by another state and
30 who demonstrates substantively equivalent education and training in
31 restorative procedures may be granted an endorsement on a temporary
32 license issued under this section to perform restorative procedures.
33 The endorsement expires with the temporary license.

34 (6) For the purposes of this section, "active practice" means five
35 hundred sixty hours of practice in the thirty months immediately
36 preceding the date an application for a temporary license under this
37 section is received by the department.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.29.005 and 1969 c 47 s 6 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
4 this section apply throughout this chapter.

5 (1) "Department" means the department of health.

6 (2) "Secretary" means the secretary of health.

7 (~~The term~~) (3) "Surfaces of the teeth" (~~as used in this~~
8 ~~chapter~~) means the portions of the crown and root surface to which
9 there is no periodontal membrane attached.

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