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By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Moeller, Appleton, Morrell, Clibborn, Green, Kenney, Murray, Schual-Berke and Chase)

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1 AN ACT Relating to dental health services; amending RCW 18.32.030
2 and 18.32.040; and creating a new section.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.32.030 and 2003 c 282 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The following practices, acts, and operations are excepted from the
7 operation of the provisions of this chapter:

8 (1) The rendering of dental relief in emergency cases in the
9 practice of his or her profession by a physician or surgeon, licensed
10 as such and registered under the laws of this state, unless the
11 physician or surgeon undertakes to or does reproduce lost parts of the
12 human teeth in the mouth or to restore or to replace in the human mouth
13 lost or missing teeth;

14 (2) The practice of dentistry in the discharge of official duties
15 by dentists in the United States federal services on federal
16 reservations, including but not limited to the armed services, coast
17 guard, public health service, veterans' bureau, or bureau of Indian
18 affairs;

1 (3) Dental schools or colleges approved under RCW 18.32.040, and
2 the practice of dentistry by students in accredited dental schools or
3 colleges approved by the commission, when acting under the direction
4 and supervision of Washington state-licensed dental school faculty;

5 (4) The practice of dentistry by licensed dentists of other states
6 or countries while appearing as clinicians at meetings of the
7 Washington state dental association, or component parts thereof, or at
8 meetings sanctioned by them, or other groups approved by the
9 commission;

10 (5) The use of roentgen and other rays for making radiographs or
11 similar records of dental or oral tissues, under the supervision of a
12 licensed dentist or physician;

13 (6) The making, repairing, altering, or supplying of artificial
14 restorations, substitutions, appliances, or materials for the
15 correction of disease, loss, deformity, malposition, dislocation,
16 fracture, injury to the jaws, teeth, lips, gums, cheeks, palate, or
17 associated tissues or parts; providing the same are made, repaired,
18 altered, or supplied pursuant to the written instructions and order of
19 a licensed dentist which may be accompanied by casts, models, or
20 impressions furnished by the dentist, and the prescriptions shall be
21 retained and filed for a period of not less than three years and shall
22 be available to and subject to the examination of the secretary or the
23 secretary's authorized representatives;

24 (7) The removal of deposits and stains from the surfaces of the
25 teeth, the application of topical preventative or prophylactic agents,
26 and the polishing and smoothing of restorations, when performed or
27 prescribed by a dental hygienist licensed under the laws of this state;

28 (8) A qualified and licensed physician and surgeon or osteopathic
29 physician and surgeon extracting teeth or performing oral surgery
30 pursuant to the scope of practice under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW;

31 (9) The practice of dentistry by individuals in a postdoctoral
32 dental residency program as provided under RCW 18.32.040 for the
33 duration of the program;

34 (10) The performing of dental operations or services by persons not
35 licensed under this chapter when performed under the supervision of a
36 licensed dentist: PROVIDED HOWEVER, That such nonlicensed person shall
37 in no event perform the following dental operations or services unless

1 permitted to be performed by the person under this chapter or chapters
2 18.29, 18.57, 18.71, and 18.79 RCW as it applies to registered nurses
3 and advanced registered nurse practitioners:

4 (a) Any removal of or addition to the hard or soft tissue of the
5 oral cavity;

6 (b) Any diagnosis of or prescription for treatment of disease,
7 pain, deformity, deficiency, injury, or physical condition of the human
8 teeth or jaws, or adjacent structure;

9 (c) Any administration of general or injected local anaesthetic of
10 any nature in connection with a dental operation, including intravenous
11 sedation;

12 (d) Any oral prophylaxis;

13 (e) The taking of any impressions of the teeth or jaw or the
14 relationships of the teeth or jaws, for the purpose of fabricating any
15 intra-oral restoration, appliance, or prosthesis.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.32.040 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 211 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 The commission shall require that every applicant for a license to
19 practice dentistry shall:

20 (1) Present satisfactory evidence of graduation from a dental
21 college, school, or dental department of an institution approved by the
22 commission;

23 (2) Submit, for the files of the commission, a recent picture duly
24 identified and attested; and

25 (3)(a) Pass an examination prepared or approved by and administered
26 under the direction of the commission. The dentistry licensing
27 examination shall consist of practical and written tests upon such
28 subjects and of such scope as the commission determines. (~~The~~
29 ~~commission may accept, in lieu of all or part of a written examination,~~
30 ~~a certificate granted by a national or regional testing organization~~
31 ~~approved by the commission.)) The commission shall set the standards
32 for passing the examination. The secretary shall keep on file the
33 examination papers and records of examination for at least one year.
34 This file shall be open for inspection by the applicant or the
35 applicant's agent unless the disclosure will compromise the examination
36 process as determined by the commission or is exempted from disclosure
37 under RCW 42.17.250 through 42.17.340.~~

1 (b) The commission may accept, in lieu of all or part of the
2 written examination required in (a) of this subsection, a certificate
3 granted by a national or regional testing organization approved by the
4 commission.

5 (c) The commission may accept, in lieu of the practical examination
6 required in (a) of this subsection, proof that an applicant has
7 satisfactorily completed a postdoctoral dental residency program
8 approved by the commission, of at least one year's duration, in a
9 community health clinic that serves predominantly low-income patients
10 or is located in a dental care health professional shortage area in
11 this state, and that includes an outcome assessment evaluation
12 assessing the resident's competence to practice dentistry. The
13 commission shall develop criteria for community clinics to use when
14 sponsoring students in a residency program under this subsection,
15 including guidelines for the proper supervision of the resident and
16 measuring the resident's competence to practice dentistry.

17 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. If specific funding for the purposes of this
18 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
19 June 30, 2005, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
20 void.

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