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1 AN ACT Relating to initial limited licenses for dental hygienists;
2 amending RCW 18.29.190; and repealing RCW 18.29.200.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.29.190 and 2004 c 262 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department shall issue an initial limited license without
7 the examination required by this chapter to any applicant who, as
8 determined by the secretary:

9 (a) Holds a valid license in another state that allows ~~((the))~~ a
10 substantively equivalent scope of practice in subsection (3)(a) through
11 (j) of this section;

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

15 (c) Files with the secretary documentation certifying that the
16 applicant:

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

1 (ii) Has successfully completed the dental hygiene national board
2 examination; and

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

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

7 (e) Demonstrates to the secretary a knowledge of Washington state
8 law pertaining to the practice of dental hygiene, including the
9 administration of legend drugs;

10 (f) Pays any required fees; and

11 (g) Meets requirements for AIDS education.

12 (2) The term of the initial limited license issued under this
13 section is eighteen months and it is renewable upon (~~demonstration of~~
14 ~~successful passage of the examination for administering local~~
15 ~~anesthetic and nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia~~)):

16 (a) Demonstration of successful passage of a substantively
17 equivalent dental hygiene patient evaluation/prophylaxis examination;

18 (b) Demonstration of successful passage of a substantively
19 equivalent local anesthesia examination; and

20 (c) Demonstration of didactic and clinical competency in the
21 administration of nitrous oxide analgesia.

22 (3) A person practicing with an initial limited license granted
23 under this section has the authority to perform hygiene procedures that
24 are limited to:

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

26 (b) Patient education in oral hygiene;

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

28 (d) Applying topical preventive or prophylactic agents;

29 (e) Polishing and smoothing restorations;

30 (f) Oral prophylaxis and removal of deposits and stains from the
31 surface of the teeth;

32 (g) Recording health histories;

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

34 (i) Performing subgingival and supragingival scaling; and

35 (j) Performing root planing.

36 (4)(a) A person practicing with an initial limited license granted
37 under this section may not perform the following dental hygiene
38 procedures unless authorized in (b) or (c) of this subsection:

- 1 (i) Give injections of local anesthetic;
- 2 (ii) Place restorations into the cavity prepared by a licensed
3 dentist and afterwards carve, contour, and adjust contacts and
4 occlusion of the restoration;
- 5 (iii) Soft tissue curettage; or
- 6 (iv) Administer nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia.
- 7 (b) A person licensed in another state who can demonstrate
8 substantively equivalent licensing standards in the administration of
9 local anesthetic may receive a temporary endorsement to administer
10 local anesthesia. For purposes of the renewed limited license, this
11 endorsement demonstrates the successful passage of the local anesthesia
12 examination.
- 13 (c) A person licensed in another state who can demonstrate
14 substantively equivalent licensing standards in restorative procedures
15 may receive a temporary endorsement for restorative procedures.
- 16 (5)(a) A person practicing with a renewed limited license granted
17 under this section may:
- 18 (i) Perform hygiene procedures as provided under subsection (3) of
19 this section;
- 20 (ii) Give injections of local anesthetic;
- 21 (iii) Perform soft tissue curretage; and
- 22 (iv) Administer nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia.
- 23 (b) A person practicing with a renewed limited license granted
24 under this section may not place restorations into the cavity prepared
25 by a licensed dentist and afterwards carve, contour, and adjust
26 contacts and occlusion of the restoration.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.29.200 (Temporary licensees--
28 Requirements for regular examination) and 1993 c 323 s 3 are each
29 repealed.

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