
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2881

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By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Hinkle, Kenney, and Cody)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the practice of dentistry; amending RCW
2 18.32.215; adding a new section to chapter 18.32 RCW; and providing an
3 expiration date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.32.215 and 2003 c 57 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) An applicant holding a valid license and currently engaged in
8 practice in another state may be granted a license without examination
9 required by this chapter, on the payment of any required fees, if the
10 applicant:

11 (a) Is a graduate of a dental college, school, or dental department
12 of an institution approved by the commission under RCW 18.32.040(1); or

13 (b)(i) Has practiced in another state for at least five years; and

14 (ii) Has completed a one-year postdoctoral residency approved by
15 the commission.

16 (2) The commission may also require the applicant to: ~~((+1))~~ (a)
17 File with the commission documentation certifying the applicant is
18 licensed to practice in another state; and ~~((+2))~~ (b) provide
19 information as the commission deems necessary pertaining to the

1 conditions and criteria of the Uniform Disciplinary Act, chapter 18.130
2 RCW, and to demonstrate to the commission a knowledge of Washington law
3 pertaining to the practice of dentistry.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.32 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 By November 15, 2009, the commission shall report to the governor
7 and the legislature with recommendations for appropriate standards for
8 issuing a license to a foreign-trained dentist. The recommendations
9 shall consider the balance between maintaining assurances that
10 Washington's dental professionals are well-qualified and planning for
11 an adequate supply of dentists to meet the future needs of Washington's
12 diverse urban and rural communities. In addition to considering the
13 use of standards established by accreditation organizations, the
14 recommendations shall consider other options to reduce barriers to
15 licensure.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act expires July 1, 2010.

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