

HB 1099-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Establishes regulations for certain dental professions.

Declares that no person may practice or represent himself or herself as a registered dental assistant by use of any title or description without being registered by the commission as having met the standards established for registration under this act unless he or she is exempt.

Declares that no person may practice or represent himself or herself as a licensed expanded function dental auxiliary by use of any title or description without being licensed by the commission under this act unless he or she is exempt.

Provides that nothing in this act may be construed to prohibit or restrict: (1) The practice of a dental assistant in the discharge of official duties by dental assistants in the United States federal services on federal reservations, including but not limited to the armed services, coast guard, public health service, veterans' bureau, or bureau of Indian affairs; or

(2) Expanded function dental auxiliary education and training programs approved by the commission and the practice as an expanded function dental auxiliary by students in expanded function dental auxiliary education and training programs approved by the commission, when acting under the direction and supervision of persons licensed under chapter 18.29 or 18.32 RCW.

Requires that, by November 15, 2012, the department, in consultation with the commission and the dental hygiene examining committee, shall conduct a review of the effectiveness of the creation of the dental assistant and expanded function dental auxiliary professions as related to:

(1) Increasing professional standards in dental practices;

(2) Increasing efficiency in dental practices and community health clinics;

(3) Promoting career ladders in the dental professions;
and

(4) Recommendations for expanding or contracting the practice of dental assistants and expanded function dental auxiliaries.