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By Senator Hobbs

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1 AN ACT Relating to license renewals; amending RCW 18.32.180; adding  
2 a new section to chapter 18.32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter  
3 48.43 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.32.180 and 1999 c 364 s 3 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) Every person licensed to practice dentistry in this state shall  
8 renew his or her license and comply with administrative procedures,  
9 administrative requirements, continuing education requirements, and  
10 fees as provided in RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280. The commission, in  
11 its sole discretion, may permit the applicant to be licensed without  
12 examination, and with or without conditions, if it is satisfied that  
13 the applicant meets all the requirements for licensure in this state  
14 and is competent to engage in the practice of dentistry.

15 (2) The commission shall provide a grace period of thirty days to  
16 any person licensed to practice dentistry under this chapter who fails  
17 to renew his or her license by his or her renewal date. The commission  
18 shall provide the grace period only if the person has complied with all

1 of the other requirements for renewal other than submission of the  
2 requisite paperwork and fees. During the grace period, the commission  
3 may not suspend or revoke the person's license.

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

6 (1) By December 31, 2010, the commission shall retroactively  
7 relicense any person whose license was suspended or revoked during the  
8 twelve months prior to the effective date of this section if:

9 (a) The suspension or revocation was because of the person's  
10 failure to renew his or her license;

11 (b) The person would have qualified for the grace period  
12 established in RCW 18.32.180(2); and

13 (c) The person renewed his or her license within the grace period.

14 (2) The commission shall alter its records to reflect any  
15 relicensing under this section.

16 (3) This section expires January 1, 2011.

17 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 48.43 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

19 For purposes of payment, a carrier shall treat a licensed dentist  
20 who has utilized the grace period established in RCW 18.32.180, or who  
21 has been relicensed under section 2 of this act, as if the dentist had  
22 renewed his or her license by his or her renewal date.

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