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1 AN ACT Relating to mid-level dental professionals; amending RCW
2 18.32.030, 18.32.0351, 18.260.010, 18.260.040, 18.260.070, and
3 18.260.080; reenacting and amending RCW 18.120.020, 18.120.020,
4 18.130.040, 18.130.040, 69.41.010, and 69.41.030; adding a new chapter
5 to Title 18 RCW; creating new sections; providing effective dates; and
6 providing an expiration date.

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

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Good oral health is an integral piece of
9 overall health and well-being. Without treatment, dental diseases grow
10 progressively worse and require increasingly costly interventions.
11 Dental-related issues are a leading reason that Washingtonians seek
12 care in the emergency room, which has become the source of care for
13 many, especially uninsured and low-income populations. However, most
14 dental diseases are easily prevented at little cost through routine
15 dental care and disease prevention. It is the intent of the
16 legislature to attempt to increase access for all Washingtonians
17 through the introduction of an evidence-based mid-level dental provider
18 that is geared towards working in, and reducing oral health disparities
19 within, Washington's communities with the greatest need. Further, it

1 is the legislature's intent that mid-level dental providers are
2 flexible enough to better meet the needs of their local community as
3 they work under the supervision and direction of a licensed Washington
4 dentist. The legislature declares that this act, creating new types of
5 dental professions, constitutes an exercise of the state's police power
6 to protect and promote the health, safety, and welfare of the residents
7 of the state in general. Accordingly, while this act is intended to
8 protect the public generally, it does not create a duty owed to any
9 individual or entity on the part of the state.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The definitions in this section apply
11 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

12 (1) "Committee" means the dental hygiene examining committee
13 established in chapter 18.29 RCW.

14 (2) "Dental hygiene practitioner" means a person licensed under
15 this chapter who provides dental therapy under the off-site supervision
16 of a dentist pursuant to a written practice plan contract with a
17 dentist.

18 (3) "Dental practitioner" means a person licensed under this
19 chapter who provides dental therapy under the off-site supervision of
20 a dentist pursuant to a written practice plan contract with a dentist.

21 (4) "Dental therapy" means the services and procedures specified in
22 section 5 of this act.

23 (5) "Dentist" means a person licensed to practice dentistry under
24 chapter 18.32 RCW.

25 (6) "Department" means the department of health.

26 (7) "Off-site supervision of a dentist" means supervision that does
27 not require the dentist to be physically present or to personally
28 examine or diagnose the patient.

29 (8) "Secretary" means the secretary of health.

30 (9) "Supervision of a dentist" means that a supervising dentist:

31 (a) Has personally examined and diagnosed the patient and has
32 personally authorized the procedures to be performed;

33 (b) Is continuously on-site while the procedure in question is
34 being performed; and

35 (c) Is capable of responding immediately in the event of an
36 emergency.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** No person may practice dental therapy or
2 represent himself or herself as a dental practitioner or a dental
3 hygiene practitioner without being licensed by the department under
4 this chapter.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The department shall issue a license to
6 practice as a dental practitioner to any applicant who:

7 (a) Pays any applicable fees established by the secretary under RCW
8 43.70.110 and 43.70.250;

9 (b) Submits, on forms provided by the secretary, the applicant's
10 name, address, and other applicable information as determined by the
11 secretary; and

12 (c) Demonstrates that the following requirements have been met:

13 (i) Possession of a high school diploma or equivalent;

14 (ii) Successful completion of a dental health aide therapist
15 education program approved by the secretary;

16 (iii) Completion of a preceptorship of at least four hundred hours
17 under the supervision of a dentist; and

18 (iv) Passage of an examination approved by the committee.

19 (2) The department shall issue a license to practice as a dental
20 hygiene practitioner to any applicant who:

21 (a) Pays any applicable fees established by the secretary under RCW
22 43.70.110 and 43.70.250;

23 (b) Submits, on forms provided by the secretary, the applicant's
24 name, address, and other applicable information as determined by the
25 secretary; and

26 (c) Demonstrates that the following requirements have been met:

27 (i) Possession of a license in good standing as a dental hygienist
28 under chapter 18.29 RCW;

29 (ii) Successful completion of a post-baccalaureate advanced dental
30 hygiene therapy education program at an institution accredited by the
31 American dental association commission on dental accreditation or other
32 national accreditation organization approved by the committee;

33 (iii) Completion of two hundred fifty hours of advanced dental
34 therapy clinical practice under the supervision of a dentist; and

35 (iv) Passage of an examination approved by the committee.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) Subject to the limitations in this
2 section and section 6 of this act, a dental practitioner may provide
3 the following services and procedures:

4 (a) Oral health instruction and disease prevention education,
5 including nutritional counseling and dietary analysis;

6 (b) Preliminary charting of the oral cavity;

7 (c) Making radiographs;

8 (d) Mechanical polishing;

9 (e) Application of topical preventative or prophylactic agents,
10 including fluoride varnishes and pit and fissure sealants;

11 (f) Pulp vitality testing;

12 (g) Application of desensitizing medication or resin;

13 (h) Fabrication of athletic mouth guards;

14 (i) Placement of temporary restorations;

15 (j) Fabrication of soft occlusal guards;

16 (k) Tissue conditioning and soft reline;

17 (l) Atraumatic restorative therapy;

18 (m) Dressing changes;

19 (n) Tooth reimplantation;

20 (o) Administration of local anesthetic;

21 (p) Administration of nitrous oxide;

22 (q) Emergency palliative treatment of dental pain;

23 (r) The placement and removal of space maintainers;

24 (s) Cavity preparation;

25 (t) Restoration of primary and permanent teeth;

26 (u) Placement of temporary crowns;

27 (v) Preparation and placement of preformed crowns;

28 (w) Pulpotomies on primary teeth;

29 (x) Indirect and direct pulp capping on primary and permanent
30 teeth;

31 (y) Stabilization of reimplanted teeth;

32 (z) Extractions of primary teeth;

33 (aa) Suture removal;

34 (bb) Brush biopsies;

35 (cc) Repair of defective prosthetic devices;

36 (dd) Recementing of permanent crowns;

37 (ee) Oral evaluation and assessment of dental disease and the
38 formulation of an individualized treatment plan;

1 (ff) The supervision of expanded function dental auxiliaries and
2 dental assistants. A dental practitioner or dental hygiene
3 practitioner may supervise no more than a total of four expanded
4 function dental auxiliaries and dental assistants in any one practice
5 setting. A dental practitioner or dental hygiene practitioner may not
6 supervise an expanded function dental auxiliary or dental assistant
7 with respect to tasks that the dental practitioner or dental hygiene
8 practitioner is not authorized to perform;

9 (gg) Nonsurgical extractions of periodontally diseased permanent
10 teeth with tooth mobility of plus 3 to plus 4 if the teeth are not
11 unerupted, are not impacted, are not fractured, and do not need to be
12 sectioned for removal; and

13 (hh) The dispensation and oral administration of drugs pursuant to
14 subsection (3) of this section.

15 (2) Subject to the limitations in this section and section 6 of
16 this act, a dental hygiene practitioner may provide the following
17 services and procedures:

18 (a) The services and procedures authorized for dental practitioners
19 under subsection (1) of this section; and

20 (b) Any services and procedures within the scope of practice of a
21 licensed dental hygienist under chapter 18.29 RCW.

22 (3)(a) A dental practitioner or a dental hygiene practitioner may
23 dispense and orally administer the following drugs within the
24 parameters of the practice plan contract established in section 6 of
25 this act: Nonnarcotic analgesics, anti-inflammatories, preventive
26 agents, and antibiotics.

27 (b) The authority to dispense and orally administer drugs extends
28 only to the drugs identified in this subsection (3) and may be further
29 limited by the practice plan contract.

30 (c) The authority to dispense includes the authority to dispense
31 sample drugs within the categories established in this subsection (3)
32 if the dispensing is permitted under the practice plan contract.

33 (d) A dental practitioner or a dental hygiene practitioner may not
34 dispense or administer narcotic drugs as defined in chapter 69.50 RCW.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** (1) A dental practitioner or a dental
36 hygiene practitioner may only practice dental therapy pursuant to a

1 written practice plan contract with a dentist. The contract must, at
2 a minimum, contain the following elements:

3 (a) Practice settings where services and procedures may be
4 provided;

5 (b) Any limitations on the services or procedures the dental
6 practitioner or dental hygiene practitioner may provide;

7 (c) Age and procedure-specific practice protocols, including case
8 selection criteria, assessment guidelines, and imaging frequency;

9 (d) Procedures for creating and maintaining dental records for
10 patients treated by the dental practitioner or dental hygiene
11 practitioner;

12 (e) A plan to manage medical emergencies in each practice setting
13 where the dental practitioner or dental hygiene practitioner provides
14 care;

15 (f) A quality assurance plan for monitoring care provided by the
16 dental practitioner or dental hygiene practitioner, including patient
17 care review, referral follow-up, and a quality assurance chart review;

18 (g) Protocols for administering and dispensing medications,
19 including the specific circumstances under which the medications may be
20 dispensed and administered;

21 (h) Criteria relating to the provision of care to patients with
22 specific medical conditions or complex medical histories, including
23 requirements for consultation prior to the initiation of care; and

24 (i) Specific written protocols governing situations where the
25 dental practitioner or dental hygiene practitioner encounters a patient
26 requiring treatment that exceeds the dental practitioner's or dental
27 hygiene practitioner's scope of practice or capabilities.

28 (2)(a) In addition to the elements specified in subsection (1) of
29 this section, a written practice plan contract with a dental
30 practitioner must specify the services and procedures the dental
31 practitioner is authorized to provide.

32 (b) All of the services and procedures the dental hygiene
33 practitioner or dental practitioner provides pursuant to the practice
34 plan contract must be provided under the off-site supervision of the
35 contracting dentist. The contracting dentist shall accept
36 responsibility for all services and procedures authorized and provided
37 by the dental practitioner pursuant to the practice plan contract.

1 (c) A contracting dentist who knowingly permits a dental
2 practitioner to provide a service or procedure that is not authorized
3 in the practice plan contract, or any dental practitioner who provides
4 a service or procedure that is not authorized in the practice plan
5 contract, commits unprofessional conduct for purposes of chapter 18.130
6 RCW.

7 (3) A dentist who enters into a written practice plan contract with
8 a dental practitioner or dental hygiene practitioner shall:

9 (a) Directly provide or arrange for another dentist or specialist
10 to provide any necessary advanced procedures or services needed by the
11 patient or any treatment that exceeds the dental practitioner's or the
12 dental hygiene practitioner's scope of practice or capabilities; and

13 (b) Ensure that he or she or another dentist is available to the
14 dental practitioner or dental hygiene practitioner for instant
15 communication during treatment if needed.

16 (4) Practice plan contracts must be signed and maintained by both
17 the contracting dentist and the dental practitioner or dental hygiene
18 practitioner. The contracts must be submitted to the department on an
19 annual basis, and must be made available to the public upon request.
20 The contract must also be made available at the practice of the dental
21 practitioner or the dental hygiene practitioner and provided to
22 patients of the practitioner's practice upon request.

23 (5) A contracting dentist may enter into a practice plan contract
24 with no more than a total of five dental practitioners and dental
25 hygiene practitioners at any one time.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Nothing in this chapter prohibits or
27 affects:

28 (1) The practice of dental therapy by an individual otherwise
29 licensed under this title and performing services within his or her
30 scope of practice;

31 (2) The practice of dental therapy in the discharge of official
32 duties on behalf of the United States government, including, but not
33 limited to, the armed forces, coast guard, public health service,
34 veterans' bureau, or bureau of Indian affairs;

35 (3) The practice of dental therapy pursuant to an education program
36 described in section 4 of this act; or

1 (4) The practice of dental therapy under the supervision of a
2 dentist necessary to meet the clinical experience or preceptorship
3 requirements of section 4 of this act.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A dental practitioner or a dental hygiene
5 practitioner may practice only in the following settings:

6 (1) Federally qualified health centers;

7 (2) Clinics operated by accredited schools of dentistry or dental
8 hygiene;

9 (3) Clinics operated by a tribal health program or an urban Indian
10 organization, as those terms are defined in the Indian health care
11 improvement act (25 U.S.C. Sec. 1603); or

12 (4) Any other clinic or practice setting, including mobile or
13 temporary dental clinics, in which at least thirty-five percent of the
14 total patient base of the dental practitioner or dental hygiene
15 practitioner consists of patients who:

16 (a) Are enrolled in a Washington state medicaid program;

17 (b) Have a medical disability or chronic condition that creates a
18 significant barrier to receiving dental care; or

19 (c) Have annual incomes of less than one hundred thirty-three
20 percent of the federal poverty level calculated using modified annual
21 gross income as defined in section 2002 of P.L. 111-148, as amended,
22 and do not have dental coverage, either through medicaid or private
23 insurance.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Chapter 18.130 RCW governs the unlicensed
25 practice, the issuance and denial of licenses, and the discipline of
26 persons licensed under this chapter. The dental quality assurance
27 commission is the disciplining authority under this chapter.

28 **Sec. 10.** RCW 18.32.030 and 2012 c 23 s 7 are each amended to read
29 as follows:

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

32 (1) The rendering of dental relief in emergency cases in the
33 practice of his or her profession by a physician or surgeon, licensed
34 as such and registered under the laws of this state, unless the

1 physician or surgeon undertakes to or does reproduce lost parts of the
2 human teeth in the mouth or to restore or to replace in the human mouth
3 lost or missing teeth;

4 (2) The practice of dentistry in the discharge of official duties
5 by dentists in the United States federal services on federal
6 reservations, including but not limited to the armed services, coast
7 guard, public health service, veterans' bureau, or bureau of Indian
8 affairs;

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

13 (4) The practice of dentistry by licensed dentists of other states
14 or countries while appearing as clinicians at meetings of the
15 Washington state dental association, or component parts thereof, or at
16 meetings sanctioned by them, or other groups approved by the
17 commission;

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

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

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

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

1 (9) The performing of dental operations or services by registered
2 dental assistants and licensed expanded function dental auxiliaries
3 holding a credential issued under chapter 18.260 RCW when performed
4 under the supervision of a licensed dentist, by dental practitioners
5 and dental hygiene practitioners licensed under chapter 18.--- RCW (the
6 new chapter created in section 22 of this act) or by other persons not
7 licensed under this chapter if the person is licensed pursuant to
8 chapter 18.29, 18.57, 18.71, or 18.79 RCW as it applies to registered
9 nurses and advanced registered nurse practitioners, each while acting
10 within the scope of the person's permitted practice under the person's
11 license: PROVIDED HOWEVER, That such persons shall in no event perform
12 the following dental operations or services unless permitted to be
13 performed by the person under this chapter or chapters 18.29, 18.57,
14 18.71, 18.79 as it applies to registered nurses and advanced registered
15 nurse practitioners, and 18.260 RCW:

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

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

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

24 (d) Any oral prophylaxis;

25 (e) The taking of any impressions of the teeth or jaw or the
26 relationships of the teeth or jaws, for the purpose of fabricating any
27 intra-oral restoration, appliance, or prosthesis; and

28 (10) The performing of dental services described in RCW 18.350.040
29 by dental anesthesia assistants certified under chapter 18.350 RCW when
30 working under the supervision and direction of an oral and
31 maxillofacial surgeon or dental anesthesiologist.

32 **Sec. 11.** RCW 18.32.0351 and 2007 c 269 s 16 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 The Washington state dental quality assurance commission is
35 established, consisting of (~~sixteen~~) eighteen members each appointed
36 by the governor to a four-year term. No member may serve more than two
37 consecutive full terms. In appointing the initial members of the

1 commission, it is the intent of the legislature that, to the extent
2 possible, members of the previous boards and committees regulating
3 these professions be appointed to the commission. Members of the
4 commission hold office until their successors are appointed. The
5 governor may appoint members of the initial commission to staggered
6 terms of from one to four years. Thereafter, all members shall be
7 appointed to full four-year terms. Twelve members of the commission
8 must be dentists, one member must be a dental practitioner licensed
9 under chapter 18.-- RCW (the new chapter created in section 22 of this
10 act), one member must be a dental hygiene practitioner licensed under
11 chapter 18.-- RCW (the new chapter created in section 22 of this act),
12 two members must be expanded function dental auxiliaries licensed under
13 chapter 18.260 RCW, and two members must be public members.

14 **Sec. 12.** RCW 18.120.020 and 2012 c 153 s 14, 2012 c 137 s 18, and
15 2012 c 23 s 8 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

16 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
17 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

18 (1) "Applicant group" includes any health professional group or
19 organization, any individual, or any other interested party which
20 proposes that any health professional group not presently regulated be
21 regulated or which proposes to substantially increase the scope of
22 practice of the profession.

23 (2) "Certificate" and "certification" mean a voluntary process by
24 which a statutory regulatory entity grants recognition to an individual
25 who (a) has met certain prerequisite qualifications specified by that
26 regulatory entity, and (b) may assume or use "certified" in the title
27 or designation to perform prescribed health professional tasks.

28 (3) "Grandfather clause" means a provision in a regulatory statute
29 applicable to practitioners actively engaged in the regulated health
30 profession prior to the effective date of the regulatory statute which
31 exempts the practitioners from meeting the prerequisite qualifications
32 set forth in the regulatory statute to perform prescribed occupational
33 tasks.

34 (4) "Health professions" means and includes the following health
35 and health-related licensed or regulated professions and occupations:
36 Podiatric medicine and surgery under chapter 18.22 RCW; chiropractic
37 under chapter 18.25 RCW; dental hygiene under chapter 18.29 RCW;

1 dentistry under chapter 18.32 RCW; denturism under chapter 18.30 RCW;
2 dental anesthesia assistants under chapter 18.350 RCW; dispensing
3 opticians under chapter 18.34 RCW; hearing instruments under chapter
4 18.35 RCW; naturopaths under chapter 18.36A RCW; embalming and funeral
5 directing under chapter 18.39 RCW; midwifery under chapter 18.50 RCW;
6 nursing home administration under chapter 18.52 RCW; optometry under
7 chapters 18.53 and 18.54 RCW; ocularists under chapter 18.55 RCW;
8 osteopathic medicine and surgery under chapters 18.57 and 18.57A RCW;
9 pharmacy under chapters 18.64 and 18.64A RCW; medicine under chapters
10 18.71 and 18.71A RCW; emergency medicine under chapter 18.73 RCW;
11 physical therapy under chapter 18.74 RCW; practical nurses under
12 chapter 18.79 RCW; psychologists under chapter 18.83 RCW; registered
13 nurses under chapter 18.79 RCW; occupational therapists licensed under
14 chapter 18.59 RCW; respiratory care practitioners licensed under
15 chapter 18.89 RCW; veterinarians and veterinary technicians under
16 chapter 18.92 RCW; health care assistants under chapter 18.135 RCW;
17 massage practitioners under chapter 18.108 RCW; East Asian medicine
18 practitioners licensed under chapter 18.06 RCW; persons registered
19 under chapter 18.19 RCW; persons licensed as mental health counselors,
20 marriage and family therapists, and social workers under chapter 18.225
21 RCW; dietitians and nutritionists certified by chapter 18.138 RCW;
22 radiologic technicians under chapter 18.84 RCW; nursing assistants
23 registered or certified under chapter 18.88A RCW; (~~and~~)
24 reflexologists certified under chapter 18.108 RCW; (~~and~~) medical
25 assistants-certified, medical assistants-hemodialysis technician,
26 medical assistants-phlebotomist, and medical assistants-registered
27 certified and registered under chapter 18.360 RCW; and dental
28 practitioners and dental hygiene practitioners licensed under chapter
29 18.--- RCW (the new chapter created in section 22 of this act).

30 (5) "Inspection" means the periodic examination of practitioners by
31 a state agency in order to ascertain whether the practitioners'
32 occupation is being carried out in a fashion consistent with the public
33 health, safety, and welfare.

34 (6) "Legislative committees of reference" means the standing
35 legislative committees designated by the respective rules committees of
36 the senate and house of representatives to consider proposed
37 legislation to regulate health professions not previously regulated.

1 (7) "License," "licensing," and "licensure" mean permission to
2 engage in a health profession which would otherwise be unlawful in the
3 state in the absence of the permission. A license is granted to those
4 individuals who meet prerequisite qualifications to perform prescribed
5 health professional tasks and for the use of a particular title.

6 (8) "Professional license" means an individual, nontransferable
7 authorization to carry on a health activity based on qualifications
8 which include: (a) Graduation from an accredited or approved program,
9 and (b) acceptable performance on a qualifying examination or series of
10 examinations.

11 (9) "Practitioner" means an individual who (a) has achieved
12 knowledge and skill by practice, and (b) is actively engaged in a
13 specified health profession.

14 (10) "Public member" means an individual who is not, and never was,
15 a member of the health profession being regulated or the spouse of a
16 member, or an individual who does not have and never has had a material
17 financial interest in either the rendering of the health professional
18 service being regulated or an activity directly related to the
19 profession being regulated.

20 (11) "Registration" means the formal notification which, prior to
21 rendering services, a practitioner shall submit to a state agency
22 setting forth the name and address of the practitioner; the location,
23 nature and operation of the health activity to be practiced; and, if
24 required by the regulatory entity, a description of the service to be
25 provided.

26 (12) "Regulatory entity" means any board, commission, agency,
27 division, or other unit or subunit of state government which regulates
28 one or more professions, occupations, industries, businesses, or other
29 endeavors in this state.

30 (13) "State agency" includes every state office, department, board,
31 commission, regulatory entity, and agency of the state, and, where
32 provided by law, programs and activities involving less than the full
33 responsibility of a state agency.

34 **Sec. 13.** RCW 18.120.020 and 2012 c 153 s 15, 2012 c 137 s 18, and
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34 chapter 18.59 RCW; respiratory care practitioners licensed under
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36 chapter 18.92 RCW; massage practitioners under chapter 18.108 RCW; East
37 Asian medicine practitioners licensed under chapter 18.06 RCW; persons
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6 provided.

7 (12) "Regulatory entity" means any board, commission, agency,
8 division, or other unit or subunit of state government which regulates
9 one or more professions, occupations, industries, businesses, or other
10 endeavors in this state.

11 (13) "State agency" includes every state office, department, board,
12 commission, regulatory entity, and agency of the state, and, where
13 provided by law, programs and activities involving less than the full
14 responsibility of a state agency.

15 **Sec. 14.** RCW 18.130.040 and 2013 c 171 s 7 and 2013 c 19 s 44 are
16 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

17 (1) This chapter applies only to the secretary and the boards and
18 commissions having jurisdiction in relation to the professions licensed
19 under the chapters specified in this section. This chapter does not
20 apply to any business or profession not licensed under the chapters
21 specified in this section.

22 (2)(a) The secretary has authority under this chapter in relation
23 to the following professions:

24 (i) Dispensing opticians licensed and designated apprentices under
25 chapter 18.34 RCW;

26 (ii) Midwives licensed under chapter 18.50 RCW;

27 (iii) Ocularists licensed under chapter 18.55 RCW;

28 (iv) Massage practitioners and businesses licensed under chapter
29 18.108 RCW;

30 (v) Dental hygienists licensed under chapter 18.29 RCW;

31 (vi) East Asian medicine practitioners licensed under chapter 18.06
32 RCW;

33 (vii) Radiologic technologists certified and X-ray technicians
34 registered under chapter 18.84 RCW;

35 (viii) Respiratory care practitioners licensed under chapter 18.89
36 RCW;

1 (ix) Hypnotherapists and agency affiliated counselors registered
2 and advisors and counselors certified under chapter 18.19 RCW;

3 (x) Persons licensed as mental health counselors, mental health
4 counselor associates, marriage and family therapists, marriage and
5 family therapist associates, social workers, social work associates--
6 advanced, and social work associates--independent clinical under
7 chapter 18.225 RCW;

8 (xi) Persons registered as nursing pool operators under chapter
9 18.52C RCW;

10 (xii) Nursing assistants registered or certified or medication
11 assistants endorsed under chapter 18.88A RCW;

12 (xiii) Health care assistants certified under chapter 18.135 RCW;

13 (xiv) Dietitians and nutritionists certified under chapter 18.138
14 RCW;

15 (xv) Chemical dependency professionals and chemical dependency
16 professional trainees certified under chapter 18.205 RCW;

17 (xvi) Sex offender treatment providers and certified affiliate sex
18 offender treatment providers certified under chapter 18.155 RCW;

19 (xvii) Persons licensed and certified under chapter 18.73 RCW or
20 RCW 18.71.205;

21 (xviii) Orthotists and prosthetists licensed under chapter 18.200
22 RCW;

23 (xix) Surgical technologists registered under chapter 18.215 RCW;

24 (xx) Recreational therapists under chapter 18.230 RCW;

25 (xxi) Animal massage practitioners certified under chapter 18.240
26 RCW;

27 (xxii) Athletic trainers licensed under chapter 18.250 RCW;

28 (xxiii) Home care aides certified under chapter 18.88B RCW;

29 (xxiv) Genetic counselors licensed under chapter 18.290 RCW;

30 (xxv) Reflexologists certified under chapter 18.108 RCW; and

31 (xxvi) Medical assistants-certified, medical assistants-
32 hemodialysis technician, medical assistants-phlebotomist, and medical
33 assistants-registered certified and registered under chapter 18.360
34 RCW.

35 (b) The boards and commissions having authority under this chapter
36 are as follows:

37 (i) The podiatric medical board as established in chapter 18.22
38 RCW;

1 (ii) The chiropractic quality assurance commission as established
2 in chapter 18.25 RCW;

3 (iii) The dental quality assurance commission as established in
4 chapter 18.32 RCW governing licenses issued under chapter 18.32 RCW,
5 licenses and registrations issued under chapter 18.260 RCW, licenses
6 issued under chapter 18.--- RCW (the new chapter created in section 22
7 of this act), and certifications issued under chapter 18.350 RCW;

8 (iv) The board of hearing and speech as established in chapter
9 18.35 RCW;

10 (v) The board of examiners for nursing home administrators as
11 established in chapter 18.52 RCW;

12 (vi) The optometry board as established in chapter 18.54 RCW
13 governing licenses issued under chapter 18.53 RCW;

14 (vii) The board of osteopathic medicine and surgery as established
15 in chapter 18.57 RCW governing licenses issued under chapters 18.57 and
16 18.57A RCW;

17 (viii) The pharmacy quality assurance commission as established in
18 chapter 18.64 RCW governing licenses issued under chapters 18.64 and
19 18.64A RCW;

20 (ix) The medical quality assurance commission as established in
21 chapter 18.71 RCW governing licenses and registrations issued under
22 chapters 18.71 and 18.71A RCW;

23 (x) The board of physical therapy as established in chapter 18.74
24 RCW;

25 (xi) The board of occupational therapy practice as established in
26 chapter 18.59 RCW;

27 (xii) The nursing care quality assurance commission as established
28 in chapter 18.79 RCW governing licenses and registrations issued under
29 that chapter;

30 (xiii) The examining board of psychology and its disciplinary
31 committee as established in chapter 18.83 RCW;

32 (xiv) The veterinary board of governors as established in chapter
33 18.92 RCW;

34 (xv) The board of naturopathy established in chapter 18.36A RCW;
35 and

36 (xvi) The board of denturists established in chapter 18.30 RCW.

37 (3) In addition to the authority to discipline license holders, the

1 disciplining authority has the authority to grant or deny licenses.
2 The disciplining authority may also grant a license subject to
3 conditions.

4 (4) All disciplining authorities shall adopt procedures to ensure
5 substantially consistent application of this chapter, the uniform
6 disciplinary act, among the disciplining authorities listed in
7 subsection (2) of this section.

8 **Sec. 15.** RCW 18.130.040 and 2013 c 171 s 8 and 2013 c 19 s 45 are
9 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

10 (1) This chapter applies only to the secretary and the boards and
11 commissions having jurisdiction in relation to the professions licensed
12 under the chapters specified in this section. This chapter does not
13 apply to any business or profession not licensed under the chapters
14 specified in this section.

15 (2)(a) The secretary has authority under this chapter in relation
16 to the following professions:

17 (i) Dispensing opticians licensed and designated apprentices under
18 chapter 18.34 RCW;

19 (ii) Midwives licensed under chapter 18.50 RCW;

20 (iii) Ocularists licensed under chapter 18.55 RCW;

21 (iv) Massage practitioners and businesses licensed under chapter
22 18.108 RCW;

23 (v) Dental hygienists licensed under chapter 18.29 RCW;

24 (vi) East Asian medicine practitioners licensed under chapter 18.06
25 RCW;

26 (vii) Radiologic technologists certified and X-ray technicians
27 registered under chapter 18.84 RCW;

28 (viii) Respiratory care practitioners licensed under chapter 18.89
29 RCW;

30 (ix) Hypnotherapists and agency affiliated counselors registered
31 and advisors and counselors certified under chapter 18.19 RCW;

32 (x) Persons licensed as mental health counselors, mental health
33 counselor associates, marriage and family therapists, marriage and
34 family therapist associates, social workers, social work associates--
35 advanced, and social work associates--independent clinical under
36 chapter 18.225 RCW;

1 (xi) Persons registered as nursing pool operators under chapter
2 18.52C RCW;

3 (xii) Nursing assistants registered or certified or medication
4 assistants endorsed under chapter 18.88A RCW;

5 (xiii) Dietitians and nutritionists certified under chapter 18.138
6 RCW;

7 (xiv) Chemical dependency professionals and chemical dependency
8 professional trainees certified under chapter 18.205 RCW;

9 (xv) Sex offender treatment providers and certified affiliate sex
10 offender treatment providers certified under chapter 18.155 RCW;

11 (xvi) Persons licensed and certified under chapter 18.73 RCW or RCW
12 18.71.205;

13 (xvii) Orthotists and prosthetists licensed under chapter 18.200
14 RCW;

15 (xviii) Surgical technologists registered under chapter 18.215 RCW;

16 (xix) Recreational therapists under chapter 18.230 RCW;

17 (xx) Animal massage practitioners certified under chapter 18.240
18 RCW;

19 (xxi) Athletic trainers licensed under chapter 18.250 RCW;

20 (xxii) Home care aides certified under chapter 18.88B RCW;

21 (xxiii) Genetic counselors licensed under chapter 18.290 RCW;

22 (xxiv) Reflexologists certified under chapter 18.108 RCW; and

23 (xxv) Medical assistants-certified, medical assistants-hemodialysis
24 technician, medical assistants-phlebotomist, and medical assistants-
25 registered certified and registered under chapter 18.360 RCW.

26 (b) The boards and commissions having authority under this chapter
27 are as follows:

28 (i) The podiatric medical board as established in chapter 18.22
29 RCW;

30 (ii) The chiropractic quality assurance commission as established
31 in chapter 18.25 RCW;

32 (iii) The dental quality assurance commission as established in
33 chapter 18.32 RCW governing licenses issued under chapter 18.32 RCW,
34 licenses and registrations issued under chapter 18.260 RCW, licenses
35 issued under chapter 18.--- RCW (the new chapter created in section 22
36 of this act), and certifications issued under chapter 18.350 RCW;

37 (iv) The board of hearing and speech as established in chapter
38 18.35 RCW;

1 (v) The board of examiners for nursing home administrators as
2 established in chapter 18.52 RCW;

3 (vi) The optometry board as established in chapter 18.54 RCW
4 governing licenses issued under chapter 18.53 RCW;

5 (vii) The board of osteopathic medicine and surgery as established
6 in chapter 18.57 RCW governing licenses issued under chapters 18.57 and
7 18.57A RCW;

8 (viii) The pharmacy quality assurance commission as established in
9 chapter 18.64 RCW governing licenses issued under chapters 18.64 and
10 18.64A RCW;

11 (ix) The medical quality assurance commission as established in
12 chapter 18.71 RCW governing licenses and registrations issued under
13 chapters 18.71 and 18.71A RCW;

14 (x) The board of physical therapy as established in chapter 18.74
15 RCW;

16 (xi) The board of occupational therapy practice as established in
17 chapter 18.59 RCW;

18 (xii) The nursing care quality assurance commission as established
19 in chapter 18.79 RCW governing licenses and registrations issued under
20 that chapter;

21 (xiii) The examining board of psychology and its disciplinary
22 committee as established in chapter 18.83 RCW;

23 (xiv) The veterinary board of governors as established in chapter
24 18.92 RCW;

25 (xv) The board of naturopathy established in chapter 18.36A RCW;
26 and

27 (xvi) The board of denturists established in chapter 18.30 RCW.

28 (3) In addition to the authority to discipline license holders, the
29 disciplining authority has the authority to grant or deny licenses.
30 The disciplining authority may also grant a license subject to
31 conditions.

32 (4) All disciplining authorities shall adopt procedures to ensure
33 substantially consistent application of this chapter, the uniform
34 disciplinary act, among the disciplining authorities listed in
35 subsection (2) of this section.

36 **Sec. 16.** RCW 18.260.010 and 2007 c 269 s 1 are each amended to
37 read as follows:

1 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
2 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

3 (1) "Close supervision" means that a supervising dentist, dental
4 practitioner, or dental hygiene practitioner whose patient is being
5 treated has personally diagnosed the condition to be treated and has
6 personally authorized the procedures to be performed. The supervising
7 dentist, dental practitioner, or dental hygiene practitioner is
8 continuously on-site and physically present in the treatment facility
9 while the procedures are performed by the assistive personnel and
10 capable of responding immediately in the event of an emergency. The
11 term does not require a supervising dentist, dental practitioner, or
12 dental hygiene practitioner to be physically present in the operatory.

13 (2) "Commission" means the Washington state dental quality
14 assurance commission created in chapter 18.32 RCW.

15 (3) "Dental assistant" means a person who is registered by the
16 commission to provide supportive services to a licensed dentist to the
17 extent provided in this chapter and under the close supervision of a
18 dentist.

19 (4) "Dental hygiene practitioner" means an individual who holds a
20 license to practice as a dental hygiene practitioner under chapter
21 18.--- RCW (the new chapter created in section 22 of this act).

22 (5) "Dental practitioner" means an individual who holds a license
23 to practice as a dental practitioner under chapter 18.--- RCW (the new
24 chapter created in section 22 of this act).

25 (6) "Dentist" means an individual who holds a license to practice
26 dentistry under chapter 18.32 RCW.

27 ((+5+)) (7) "Department" means the department of health.

28 ((+6+)) (8) "Expanded function dental auxiliary" means a person who
29 is licensed by the commission to provide supportive services to a
30 licensed dentist, dental practitioner, or dental hygiene practitioner
31 to the extent provided in this chapter and under the specified level of
32 supervision of a dentist, dental practitioner, or dental hygiene
33 practitioner.

34 ((+7+)) (9) "General supervision" means that a supervising dentist,
35 dental practitioner, or dental hygiene practitioner has examined and
36 diagnosed the patient and provided subsequent instructions to be
37 performed by the assistive personnel, but does not require that the

1 dentist, dental practitioner, or dental hygiene practitioner be
2 physically present in the treatment facility.

3 ~~((+8))~~ (10) "Secretary" means the secretary of health.

4 ~~((+9))~~ (11) "Supervising dental hygiene practitioner" means a
5 dental hygiene practitioner licensed under chapter 18.--- RCW (the new
6 chapter created in section 22 of this act) who is responsible for
7 providing the appropriate level of supervision for dental assistants
8 and expanded function dental auxiliaries.

9 (12) "Supervising dental practitioner" means a dental practitioner
10 licensed under chapter 18.-- RCW (the new chapter created in section 22
11 of this act) who is responsible for providing the appropriate level of
12 supervision for dental assistants and expanded function dental
13 auxiliaries.

14 (13) "Supervising dentist" means a dentist licensed under chapter
15 18.32 RCW that is responsible for providing the appropriate level of
16 supervision for dental assistants and expanded function dental
17 auxiliaries.

18 **Sec. 17.** RCW 18.260.040 and 2013 c 87 s 4 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

20 (1)(a) The commission shall adopt rules relating to the scope of
21 dental assisting services related to patient care and laboratory duties
22 that may be performed by dental assistants.

23 (b) In addition to the services and duties authorized by the rules
24 adopted under (a) of this subsection, a dental assistant may apply
25 topical anesthetic agents.

26 (c) All dental services performed by dental assistants under (a) or
27 (b) of this subsection must be performed under the close supervision of
28 a supervising dentist, a supervising dental practitioner, or a
29 supervising dental hygiene practitioner as the dentist, dental
30 practitioner, or dental hygiene practitioner may allow.

31 (2) In addition to any other limitations established by the
32 commission, dental assistants may not perform the following procedures:

33 (a) Any scaling procedure;

34 (b) Any oral prophylaxis, except coronal polishing;

35 (c) Administration of any general or local anesthetic, including
36 intravenous sedation;

1 (d) Any removal of or addition to the hard or soft tissue of the
2 oral cavity;

3 (e) Any diagnosis of or prescription for treatment of disease,
4 pain, deformity, deficiency, injury, or physical condition of the human
5 teeth, jaw, or adjacent structures; and

6 (f) The taking of any impressions of the teeth or jaw or the
7 relationships of the teeth or jaws, for the purpose of fabricating any
8 intra-oral restoration, appliance, or prosthesis.

9 (3) A dentist, dental practitioner, or dental hygiene practitioner
10 may not assign a dental assistant to perform duties until the dental
11 assistant has demonstrated skills necessary to perform competently all
12 assigned duties and responsibilities.

13 **Sec. 18.** RCW 18.260.070 and 2007 c 269 s 6 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1) The commission shall adopt rules relating to the scope of
16 expanded function dental auxiliary services related to patient care and
17 laboratory duties that may be performed by expanded function dental
18 auxiliaries.

19 (2) The scope of expanded function dental auxiliary services that
20 the commission identifies in subsection (1) of this section includes:

21 (a) In addition to the dental assisting services that a dental
22 assistant may perform under the close supervision of a supervising
23 dentist, a supervising dental practitioner, or a supervising dental
24 hygiene practitioner, the performance of the following services under
25 the general supervision of a supervising dentist, a supervising dental
26 practitioner, or a supervising dental hygiene practitioner as the
27 dentist, dental practitioner, or dental hygiene practitioner may allow:

28 (i) Performing coronal polishing;

29 (ii) Giving fluoride treatments;

30 (iii) Applying sealants;

31 (iv) Placing dental x-ray film and exposing and developing the
32 films;

33 (v) Giving patient oral health instruction; and

34 (b) Notwithstanding any prohibitions in RCW 18.260.040, the
35 performance of the following services under the close supervision of a
36 supervising dentist, a supervising dental practitioner, or a

1 supervising dental hygiene practitioner as the dentist, dental
2 practitioner, or dental hygiene practitioner may allow:

3 (i) Placing and carving direct restorations; and

4 (ii) Taking final impressions.

5 (3) A dentist, dental practitioner, or dental hygiene practitioner
6 may not assign an expanded function dental auxiliary to perform
7 services until the expanded function dental auxiliary has demonstrated
8 skills necessary to perform competently all assigned duties and
9 responsibilities.

10 **Sec. 19.** RCW 18.260.080 and 2007 c 269 s 7 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 A supervising dentist, a supervising dental practitioner, or a
13 supervising dental hygiene practitioner is responsible for:

14 (1) Maintaining the appropriate level of supervision for dental
15 assistants and expanded function dental auxiliaries; and

16 (2) Ensuring that the dental assistants and expanded function
17 dental auxiliaries that the dentist, dental practitioner, or dental
18 hygiene practitioner supervises are able to competently perform the
19 tasks that they are assigned.

20 **Sec. 20.** RCW 69.41.010 and 2013 c 276 s 1 and 2013 c 19 s 55 are
21 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

22 As used in this chapter, the following terms have the meanings
23 indicated unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

24 (1) "Administer" means the direct application of a legend drug
25 whether by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other means, to the
26 body of a patient or research subject by:

27 (a) A practitioner; or

28 (b) The patient or research subject at the direction of the
29 practitioner.

30 (2) "Community-based care settings" include: Community residential
31 programs for persons with developmental disabilities, certified by the
32 department of social and health services under chapter 71A.12 RCW;
33 adult family homes licensed under chapter 70.128 RCW; and assisted
34 living facilities licensed under chapter 18.20 RCW. Community-based
35 care settings do not include acute care or skilled nursing facilities.

1 (3) "Deliver" or "delivery" means the actual, constructive, or
2 attempted transfer from one person to another of a legend drug, whether
3 or not there is an agency relationship.

4 (4) "Department" means the department of health.

5 (5) "Dispense" means the interpretation of a prescription or order
6 for a legend drug and, pursuant to that prescription or order, the
7 proper selection, measuring, compounding, labeling, or packaging
8 necessary to prepare that prescription or order for delivery.

9 (6) "Dispenser" means a practitioner who dispenses.

10 (7) "Distribute" means to deliver other than by administering or
11 dispensing a legend drug.

12 (8) "Distributor" means a person who distributes.

13 (9) "Drug" means:

14 (a) Substances recognized as drugs in the official United States
15 pharmacopoeia, official homeopathic pharmacopoeia of the United States,
16 or official national formulary, or any supplement to any of them;

17 (b) Substances intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation,
18 treatment, or prevention of disease in human beings or animals;

19 (c) Substances (other than food, minerals or vitamins) intended to
20 affect the structure or any function of the body of human beings or
21 animals; and

22 (d) Substances intended for use as a component of any article
23 specified in (a), (b), or (c) of this subsection. It does not include
24 devices or their components, parts, or accessories.

25 (10) "Electronic communication of prescription information" means
26 the transmission of a prescription or refill authorization for a drug
27 of a practitioner using computer systems. The term does not include a
28 prescription or refill authorization transmitted verbally by telephone
29 nor a facsimile manually signed by the practitioner.

30 (11) "In-home care settings" include an individual's place of
31 temporary and permanent residence, but does not include acute care or
32 skilled nursing facilities, and does not include community-based care
33 settings.

34 (12) "Legend drugs" means any drugs which are required by state law
35 or regulation of the pharmacy quality assurance commission to be
36 dispensed on prescription only or are restricted to use by
37 practitioners only.

1 (13) "Legible prescription" means a prescription or medication
2 order issued by a practitioner that is capable of being read and
3 understood by the pharmacist filling the prescription or the nurse or
4 other practitioner implementing the medication order. A prescription
5 must be hand printed, typewritten, or electronically generated.

6 (14) "Medication assistance" means assistance rendered by a
7 nonpractitioner to an individual residing in a community-based care
8 setting or in-home care setting to facilitate the individual's self-
9 administration of a legend drug or controlled substance. It includes
10 reminding or coaching the individual, handing the medication container
11 to the individual, opening the individual's medication container, using
12 an enabler, or placing the medication in the individual's hand, and
13 such other means of medication assistance as defined by rule adopted by
14 the department. A nonpractitioner may help in the preparation of
15 legend drugs or controlled substances for self-administration where a
16 practitioner has determined and communicated orally or by written
17 direction that such medication preparation assistance is necessary and
18 appropriate. Medication assistance shall not include assistance with
19 intravenous medications or injectable medications, except prefilled
20 insulin syringes.

21 (15) "Person" means individual, corporation, government or
22 governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust,
23 partnership or association, or any other legal entity.

24 (16) "Practitioner" means:

25 (a) A physician under chapter 18.71 RCW, an osteopathic physician
26 or an osteopathic physician and surgeon under chapter 18.57 RCW, a
27 dentist under chapter 18.32 RCW, a podiatric physician and surgeon
28 under chapter 18.22 RCW, a veterinarian under chapter 18.92 RCW, a
29 registered nurse, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or licensed
30 practical nurse under chapter 18.79 RCW, an optometrist under chapter
31 18.53 RCW who is certified by the optometry board under RCW 18.53.010,
32 an osteopathic physician assistant under chapter 18.57A RCW, a
33 physician assistant under chapter 18.71A RCW, a naturopath licensed
34 under chapter 18.36A RCW, a pharmacist under chapter 18.64 RCW, or,
35 when acting under the required supervision of a dentist licensed under
36 chapter 18.32 RCW, a dental hygienist licensed under chapter 18.29 RCW,
37 a dental hygiene practitioner licensed under chapter 18.--- RCW (the

1 new chapter created in section 22 of this act), or a dental
2 practitioner licensed under chapter 18.--- RCW (the new chapter created
3 in section 22 of this act);

4 (b) A pharmacy, hospital, or other institution licensed,
5 registered, or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct
6 research with respect to, or to administer a legend drug in the course
7 of professional practice or research in this state; and

8 (c) A physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery or a
9 physician licensed to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery in any
10 state, or province of Canada, which shares a common border with the
11 state of Washington.

12 (17) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's
13 designee.

14 **Sec. 21.** RCW 69.41.030 and 2013 c 71 s 1 and 2013 c 12 s 1 are
15 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

16 (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, deliver, or
17 possess any legend drug except upon the order or prescription of a
18 physician under chapter 18.71 RCW, an osteopathic physician and surgeon
19 under chapter 18.57 RCW, an optometrist licensed under chapter 18.53
20 RCW who is certified by the optometry board under RCW 18.53.010, a
21 dentist under chapter 18.32 RCW, a podiatric physician and surgeon
22 under chapter 18.22 RCW, a veterinarian under chapter 18.92 RCW, a
23 commissioned medical or dental officer in the United States armed
24 forces or public health service in the discharge of his or her official
25 duties, a duly licensed physician or dentist employed by the veterans
26 administration in the discharge of his or her official duties, a
27 registered nurse or advanced registered nurse practitioner under
28 chapter 18.79 RCW when authorized by the nursing care quality assurance
29 commission, a pharmacist licensed under chapter 18.64 RCW to the extent
30 permitted by drug therapy guidelines or protocols established under RCW
31 18.64.011 and authorized by the board of pharmacy and approved by a
32 practitioner authorized to prescribe drugs, an osteopathic physician
33 assistant under chapter 18.57A RCW when authorized by the board of
34 osteopathic medicine and surgery, a physician assistant under chapter
35 18.71A RCW when authorized by the medical quality assurance commission,
36 a dental hygiene practitioner or dental practitioner licensed under
37 chapter 18.--- RCW (the new chapter created in section 22 of this act)

1 as authorized in section 5 of this act, or any of the following
2 professionals in any province of Canada that shares a common border
3 with the state of Washington or in any state of the United States: A
4 physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery or a physician
5 licensed to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery, a dentist
6 licensed to practice dentistry, a podiatric physician and surgeon
7 licensed to practice podiatric medicine and surgery, a licensed
8 advanced registered nurse practitioner, a licensed physician assistant,
9 a licensed osteopathic physician assistant, or a veterinarian licensed
10 to practice veterinary medicine: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the above
11 provisions shall not apply to sale, delivery, or possession by drug
12 wholesalers or drug manufacturers, or their agents or employees, or to
13 any practitioner acting within the scope of his or her license, or to
14 a common or contract carrier or warehouse operator, or any employee
15 thereof, whose possession of any legend drug is in the usual course of
16 business or employment: PROVIDED FURTHER, That nothing in this chapter
17 or chapter 18.64 RCW shall prevent a family planning clinic that is
18 under contract with the health care authority from selling, delivering,
19 possessing, and dispensing commercially prepackaged oral contraceptives
20 prescribed by authorized, licensed health care practitioners.

21 (2)(a) A violation of this section involving the sale, delivery, or
22 possession with intent to sell or deliver is a class B felony
23 punishable according to chapter 9A.20 RCW.

24 (b) A violation of this section involving possession is a
25 misdemeanor.

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 22. Sections 1 through 9 of this act constitute
27 a new chapter in Title 18 RCW.

28 NEW SECTION. Sec. 23. The department of health and the dental
29 quality assurance commission shall adopt any rules necessary to
30 implement this act.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 24. The American dental association and the
32 Washington state dental association are encouraged to consult with
33 stakeholders, including dentists, dental hygienists, and patient
34 advocates, to study programs in the state that use volunteer dentists
35 and oral surgeons to provide specialty care dental services, including

1 tooth extractions and root canals, to low-income adults and children.
2 This study should include an investigation into expansion of volunteer
3 specialty care dental services into underserved areas in the state and
4 methods to finance these programs. In order to provide the legislature
5 time to review the work of the American dental association and the
6 Washington state dental association, the results of this study should
7 be reported to the legislature by January 1, 2015.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 25.** Sections 1 through 12, 14, and 16 through
9 21 of this act take effect January 1, 2015.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 26.** Sections 12 and 14 of this act expire July
11 1, 2016.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 27.** Sections 13 and 15 of this act take effect
13 July 1, 2016.

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