
HOUSE BILL 2229

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By Representative Macri

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1 AN ACT Relating to the applicability of dental practice laws to
2 integrated care delivery systems; and amending RCW 18.32.675.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.32.675 and 2017 c 320 s 2 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) No corporation shall practice dentistry or shall solicit
7 through itself, or its agent, officers, employees, directors or
8 trustees, dental patronage for any dentists or dental surgeon
9 employed by any corporation: PROVIDED, That nothing contained in this
10 chapter shall prohibit a corporation from employing a dentist or
11 dentists to render dental services to its employees: PROVIDED,
12 FURTHER, That such dental services shall be rendered at no cost or
13 charge to the employees; nor shall it apply to corporations or
14 associations in which the dental services were originated and are
15 being conducted upon a purely charitable basis for the worthy poor.

16 (2) Nothing in this chapter precludes a person or entity not
17 licensed by the commission from:

18 (a) Ownership or leasehold of any assets used by a dental
19 practice, including real property, furnishings, equipment,
20 instruments, materials, supplies, and inventory, excluding dental
21 records of patients;

1 (b) Employing or contracting for the services of personnel other
2 than licensed dentists, licensed dental hygienists, licensed expanded
3 function dental auxiliaries, certified dental anesthesia assistants,
4 and registered dental assistants;

5 (c) Providing business support and management services to a
6 dental practice, including as a sole provider of such services; and

7 (d) Receiving fees for the services in (a) through (c) of this
8 subsection provided to a dental practice calculated as agreed to by
9 the dental practice owner or owners.

10 (3) This section does not apply to a health care service
11 contractor licensed under chapter 48.44 RCW and organized as a
12 nonprofit, integrated care delivery system.

13 (4) Any corporation violating this section is guilty of a gross
14 misdemeanor, and each day that this chapter is violated shall be
15 considered a separate offense.

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