
SENATE BILL 5158

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By Senators Rivers, Cleveland, and Keiser

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1 AN ACT Relating to dental practice and solicitation by
2 corporations; 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 2003 c 53 s 124 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 ~~nor shall it apply to corporations or associations furnishing~~
17 ~~information or clerical services which can be furnished by persons~~
18 ~~not licensed to practice dentistry, to any person lawfully engaged in~~
19 ~~the practice of dentistry, when such dentist assumes full~~
20 ~~responsibility for such information and services)).~~

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

3 (a) Ownership or leasehold of any assets used by a dental
4 practice, including real property, furnishings, equipment,
5 instruments, materials, supplies, and inventory, excluding dental
6 records of patients;

7 (b) Employing or contracting for the services of personnel other
8 than licensed dentists, licensed dental hygienists, licensed expanded
9 function dental auxiliaries, certified dental anesthesia assistants,
10 and registered dental assistants;

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

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

16 (3) Any corporation violating this section is guilty of a gross
17 misdemeanor, and each day that this chapter is violated shall be
18 considered a separate offense.

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