

**SHB 1678** - H AMD TO H AMD (H-1610.2/23) 316

By Representative Caldier

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1 On page 5, line 20 of the striking amendment, after "auxiliaries"  
2 strike "and dental assistants" and insert ", dental assistants, and  
3 dental hygienists"

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5 On page 5, line 22 of the striking amendment, after "auxiliaries"  
6 strike "and dental assistants" and insert ", dental assistants, and  
7 dental hygienists"

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9 On page 5, beginning on line 24 of the striking amendment, after  
10 "auxiliary" strike "or dental assistant" and insert ", dental  
11 assistant, or dental hygienist"

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13 On page 20, after line 17 of the striking amendment, insert the  
14 following:

15 "Sec. 20. RCW 18.29.050 and 2015 c 120 s 1 are each amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 Any person licensed as a dental hygienist in this state may  
18 remove deposits and stains from the surfaces of the teeth, may apply  
19 topical preventive or prophylactic agents, may polish and smooth  
20 restorations, may perform root planing and soft-tissue curettage,  
21 and may perform other dental operations and services delegated to  
22 them by a licensed dentist or dental therapist. Any person licensed  
23 as a dental hygienist in this state may apply topical anesthetic  
24 agents under the general supervision, as defined in RCW 18.260.010,  
25 of a dentist or a dental therapist: PROVIDED HOWEVER, That licensed  
26 dental hygienists shall in no event perform the following dental  
27 operations or services:

- 1 (1) Any surgical removal of tissue of the oral cavity;
- 2 (2) Any prescription of drugs or medications requiring the  
3 written order or prescription of a licensed dentist or physician,  
4 except that a hygienist may place antimicrobials pursuant to the  
5 order of a licensed dentist and under the dentist's or dental  
6 therapist's required supervision;
- 7 (3) Any diagnosis for treatment or treatment planning; or
- 8 (4) The taking of any impression of the teeth or jaw, or the  
9 relationships of the teeth or jaws, for the purpose of fabricating  
10 any intra-oral restoration, appliance, or prosthesis, except that a  
11 dental hygienist may take an impression for any purpose that is  
12 either allowed:
- 13 (a) For a dental assistant registered under chapter 18.260 RCW; or  
14 (b) As a delegated duty for dental hygienists pursuant to rules  
15 adopted by the dental quality assurance commission.

16 Such licensed dental hygienists may perform dental operations  
17 and services only under the supervision of a licensed dentist or  
18 dental therapist, and under such supervision may be employed by  
19 hospitals, boards of education of public or private schools, county  
20 boards, boards of health, or public or charitable institutions, or  
21 in dental offices."

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23 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any  
24 internal references accordingly.

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26 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Authorizes dental therapists to supervise dental  
hygienists.

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