
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6234

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By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators West, M. Kreidler, Johnson and Wojahn)

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1 AN ACT Relating to granting temporary licenses to dental hygienists
2 licensed in another state; adding a new section to chapter 18.29 RCW;
3 and providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.29 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) A person holding a valid license and currently engaged in
8 active practice in another state shall be granted a temporary license
9 without examination required by this chapter. The term of the
10 temporary license is eighteen months and is nonrenewable. The
11 secretary shall require the applicant to: (a) File with the secretary
12 documentation certifying that the applicant is licensed to practice in
13 another state; (b) file with the secretary documentation certifying
14 that the applicant has graduated from an accredited dental hygiene

1 school approved by the secretary; (c) provide information as the
2 secretary deems necessary pertaining to the conditions and criteria of
3 the uniform disciplinary act, chapter 18.130 RCW, and to demonstrate to
4 the secretary a knowledge of Washington state law pertaining to the
5 practice of dental hygiene; (d) pay any required fees; and (e) meet
6 requirements for asepsis and AIDS education.

7 (2) A dental hygienist practicing with a temporary license granted
8 under this section shall have the authority to perform hygiene
9 procedures that are limited to:

- 10 (a) Oral inspection and measuring of periodontal pockets;
- 11 (b) Patient education in oral hygiene;
- 12 (c) Taking intra-oral and extra-oral radiographs;
- 13 (d) Applying topical preventive or prophylactic agents;
- 14 (e) Polishing and smoothing restorations;
- 15 (f) Oral prophylaxis and removal of deposits and stains from the
16 surface of the teeth;
- 17 (g) Recording health histories;
- 18 (h) Taking and recording blood pressure and vital signs;
- 19 (i) Performing subgingival and supragingival scaling; and
- 20 (j) Root planing.

21 (3) A dental hygienist practicing with a temporary license shall in
22 no event perform the following dental hygiene operations or services:

- 23 (a) Give injections of local anesthetic;
- 24 (b) Place restorations into the cavity prepared by a licensed
25 dentist and thereafter carve, contour, and adjust contacts and
26 reclusion of the restoration; or
- 27 (c) Soft tissue curettage.

28 (4) For the purposes of this section active practice means five
29 hundred sixty hours of practice in the preceding thirty months.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act shall take effect on July 1,
2 1992.