
HOUSE BILL 2689

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By Representatives Dyer, Cody, Campbell and Conway

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1 AN ACT Relating to the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery;
2 and amending RCW 18.32.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.32.020 and 1957 c 98 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 A person practices dentistry, within the meaning of this chapter,
7 who (1) represents himself as being able: (a) To diagnose, treat,
8 remove stains and concretions from teeth, operate or prescribe for any
9 disease, pain, injury, deficiency, deformity, or physical condition of
10 the human teeth, alveolar process, gums, or jaw, and (b) for dentists
11 with approved postdoctoral training in oral and maxillofacial surgery,
12 to perform the diagnosis and surgical and adjunctive treatment of
13 diseases, injuries, and defects involving both the functional and
14 esthetic aspects of the hard and soft tissues of the oral and
15 maxillofacial region, or (2) offers or undertakes by any means or
16 methods to diagnose, treat, remove stains or concretions from teeth,
17 operate or prescribe for any disease, pain, injury, deficiency,
18 deformity, or physical condition of the same, or take impressions of
19 the teeth or jaw, or (3) owns, maintains or operates an office for the

1 practice of dentistry, or (4) engages in any of the practices included
2 in the curricula of recognized and approved dental schools or colleges,
3 or (5) professes to the public by any method to furnish, supply,
4 construct, reproduce, or repair any prosthetic denture, bridge,
5 appliance, or other structure to be worn in the human mouth.

6 The fact that a person uses any dental degree, or designation, or
7 any card, device, directory, poster, sign, or other media whereby he
8 represents himself to be a dentist, shall be prima facie evidence that
9 such person is engaged in the practice of dentistry.

10 X-ray diagnosis as to the method of dental practice in which the
11 diagnosis and examination is made of the normal and abnormal
12 structures, parts or functions of the human teeth, the alveolar
13 process, maxilla, mandible or soft tissues adjacent thereto, is hereby
14 declared to be the practice of dentistry. Any person other than a
15 regularly licensed physician or surgeon who makes any diagnosis or
16 interpretation or explanation, or attempts to diagnose or to make any
17 interpretation or explanation of the registered shadow or shadows of
18 any part of the human teeth, alveolar process, maxilla, mandible or
19 soft tissues adjacent thereto by the use of x-ray is declared to be
20 engaged in the practice of dentistry, medicine or surgery.

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