

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## HB 2126

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Allowing a dentist to obtain an inactive license.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Dyer, Cody, Sheldon, Smith, Van Luven, Thompson and Murray.

**House Committee on Health Care**  
**Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care**

**Background:** The Dental Quality Assurance Commission governs the practice of dentistry by examining applicants for licensure and acting as the dental disciplinary authority.

A person may not practice dentistry without obtaining a license, which is renewable annually, and paying the license fee, currently set at \$220.

There is no inactive license status for dentists who retire from the practice or move out of state or otherwise cease practicing in this state. Such a license would require a lower fee because of fewer costs.

**Summary:** The Dental Quality Assurance Commission is authorized to adopt rules establishing an inactive license status. A dentist who places his or her license on inactive status may not practice without first activating the license.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	94	0	
Senate	48	0	(Senate amended)
House	93	0	(House concurred)

**Effective:** June 6, 1996