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HOUSE BILL 1428

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By Representatives Dyer, Skinner, Cody, Backlund and Dellwo

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1            AN ACT Relating to oral surgery; and amending RCW 18.32.020.

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

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

5            A person practices dentistry, within the meaning of this chapter,  
6 who (1) represents himself as being able to diagnose, treat, remove  
7 stains and concretions from teeth, operate or prescribe for any  
8 disease, pain, injury, deficiency, deformity, or physical condition of  
9 the human teeth, alveolar process, gums, or jaw, and for dentists  
10 engaged in oral surgery, contiguous structures, or (2) offers or  
11 undertakes by any means or methods to diagnose, treat, remove stains or  
12 concretions from teeth, operate or prescribe for any disease, pain,  
13 injury, deficiency, deformity, or physical condition of the same, or  
14 take impressions of the teeth or jaw, or (3) owns, maintains or  
15 operates an office for the practice of dentistry, or (4) engages in any  
16 of the practices included in the curricula of recognized and approved  
17 dental schools or colleges or approved postdoctoral training programs,  
18 or (5) professes to the public by any method to furnish, supply,

1 construct, reproduce, or repair any prosthetic denture, bridge,  
2 appliance, or other structure to be worn in the human mouth.

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

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

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