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SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5308

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to the use of examinations in the credentialing of
- 2 health professionals; amending RCW 18.25.030, 18.32.050, 18.34.080,
- 3 18.29.021, 18.29.120, 18.53.060, 18.54.070, 18.64A.020, 18.74.035,
- 4 18.83.070, 18.83.072, 18.92.030, 18.92.100, 18.108.030, 18.108.050,
- 5 18.108.073, 18.30.020, 18.30.080, 18.30.090, 18.30.100, 18.30.110,
- 6 18.30.130, and 18.30.140; reenacting and amending RCW 18.74.023; adding
- 7 a new section to chapter 18.130 RCW; repealing RCW 18.30.070; and
- 8 declaring an emergency.
- 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 10 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.25.030 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 111 are each amended to 11 read as follows:
- 12 Examinations for license to practice chiropractic shall be ((made))
- 13 <u>developed and administered</u>, or <u>approved</u>, or <u>both</u>, by the commission
- 14 according to the method deemed by it to be the most practicable and
- 15 expeditious to test the applicant's qualifications. ((Such
- 16 application)) The commission may approve an examination prepared or
- 17 <u>administered by a private testing agency or association of licensing</u>
- 18 <u>authorities</u>. The applicant shall be designated by a number instead of
- 19 his or her name, so that the identity shall not be discovered or

1 disclosed to the members of the commission until after the examination 2 papers are graded.

3 ((All examinations shall be in whole or in part in writing, the 4 subject of which shall be as follows)) Examination subjects may include Anatomy, physiology, spinal anatomy, microbiology-5 the following: public health, general diagnosis, neuromuscularskeletal diagnosis, x-6 7 ray, principles of chiropractic and adjusting, taught by as 8 chiropractic schools and colleges((. The commission shall administer a practical examination to applicants which shall consist of diagnosis, 9 10 principles and practice, x-ray, and adjustive technique)), and any other subject areas consistent with chapter 18.25 RCW. ((A license 11 12 shall be granted to all applicants whose score over each subject tested is seventy-five percent.)) The commission shall set the standards for 13 passing the examination. The commission may enact additional 14 15 requirements for testing administered by the national board of chiropractic examiners. 16

- 17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.32.050 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 212 are each amended to 18 read as follows:
- 19 Commission members shall be compensated and reimbursed pursuant to this section for their activities in administering a multi-state 20 licensing examination pursuant to the commission's compact or agreement 21 22 with another state or states or with organizations formed by several 23 ((Compensation or reimbursement received by a commission 24 member from another state, or organization formed by several states, 25 for such member's services in administering a multi-state licensing examination, shall be deposited in the state general fund.)) 26
- 27 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.34.080 and 1991 c 3 s 77 are each amended to read 28 as follows:
- 29 The examination shall determine whether the applicant has a thorough knowledge of the principles governing the practice of a 30 dispensing optician which is hereby declared necessary for the 31 32 protection of the public health. The examining committee may approve an examination prepared or administered by a private testing agency or 33 association of licensing authorities. The secretary shall license 34 35 successful examinees and the license shall be conspicuously displayed in the place of business of the licensee. 36

- Sec. 4. RCW 18.29.021 and 1991 c 3 s 46 are each amended to read as follows:
- 3 (1) The department shall issue a license to any applicant who, as 4 determined by the secretary:
- 5 (a) Has successfully completed an educational program approved by 6 the secretary. This educational program shall include course work 7 encompassing the subject areas within the scope of the license to 8 practice dental hygiene in the state of Washington;
- 9 (b) Has successfully completed an examination administered or 10 approved by the dental hygiene examining committee; and
- 11 (c) Has not engaged in unprofessional conduct or is not unable to 12 practice with reasonable skill and safety as a result of a physical or 13 mental impairment.
- 14 (2) Applications for licensure shall be submitted on forms provided 15 by the department. The department may require any information and 16 documentation necessary to determine if the applicant meets the 17 criteria for licensure as provided in this chapter and chapter 18.130 18 RCW. Each applicant shall pay a fee determined by the secretary as 19 provided in RCW 43.70.250. The fee shall be submitted with the 20 application.
- 21 **Sec. 5.** RCW 18.29.120 and 1991 c 3 s 52 are each amended to read 22 as follows:
- The secretary in consultation with the Washington dental hygiene examining committee shall:
- 25 (1) Adopt rules in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW necessary to 26 prepare and conduct examinations for dental hygiene licensure;
- (2) Require an applicant for licensure to pass an examination 28 consisting of written and practical tests upon such subjects and of 29 such scope as the committee determines;
 - (3) Set the standards for passage of the examination;

- 31 (4) Administer at least two examinations each calendar year ((in conjunction with examinations for licensure of dentists under chapter 33 18.32 RCW)). Additional examinations may be given as necessary; and
- 34 (5) Establish by rule the procedures for an appeal of an 35 examination failure.
- 36 **Sec. 6.** RCW 18.53.060 and 1991 c 3 s 135 are each amended to read 37 as follows:

From and after January 1, 1940, in order to be eligible for examination for registration, a person shall be a citizen of the United States of America, who shall have a preliminary education of or equal to four years in a state accredited high school and has completed a full attendance course in a regularly chartered school of optometry maintaining a standard which is deemed sufficient and satisfactory by the optometry board, who is a person of good moral character, ((who is not afflicted with any contagious or infectious disease,)) who has a visual acuity in at least one eye, of a standard known as 20/40 under correction: PROVIDED, That from and after January 1, 1975, in order to be eligible for examination for a license, a person shall have the following qualifications:

- 13 (1) Be a graduate of a state accredited high school or its 14 equivalent;
 - (2) Have a diploma or other certificate of completion from an accredited college of optometry or school of optometry, maintaining a standard which is deemed sufficient and satisfactory by the optometry board, conferring its degree of doctor of optometry or its equivalent, maintaining a course of four scholastic years in addition to preprofessional college level studies, and teaching substantially all of the following subjects: General anatomy, anatomy of the eyes, physiology, physics, chemistry, pharmacology, biology, bacteriology, general pathology, ocular pathology, ocular neurology, ocular myology, psychology, physiological optics, optometrical mechanics, clinical optometry, visual field charting and orthoptics, general laws of optics and refraction and use of the ophthalmoscope, retinoscope and other clinical instruments necessary in the practice of optometry; and
 - (3) Be of good moral character((; and
 - (4) Have no contagious or infectious disease)).

Such person shall file an application for an examination and license with said board at any time thirty days prior to the time fixed for such examination, or at a later date if approved by the board, and such application must be on forms approved by the board, and properly attested, and if found to be in accordance with the provisions of this chapter shall entitle the applicant upon payment of the proper fee, to take the examination prescribed by the board. Such examination shall not be out of keeping with the established teachings and adopted textbooks of the recognized schools of optometry, and shall be confined to such subjects and practices as are recognized as essential to the

- practice of optometry. All candidates without discrimination, who 1 2 shall successfully pass the prescribed examination, shall be registered by the board and shall, upon payment of the proper fee, be issued a 3 license. ((The optometry board, at its discretion, may waive all or a 4 portion of the written examination for any applicant who has 5 satisfactorily passed the examination given by the National Board of 6 7 Examiners in Optometry.)) Any license to practice optometry in this state issued by the secretary, and which shall be in full force and 8 9 effect at the time of passage of this 1975 amendatory act, shall be 10 continued.
- 11 **Sec. 7.** RCW 18.54.070 and 1991 c 3 s 140 are each amended to read 12 as follows:
- The board has the following powers and duties:
- 14 (1) ((The board shall prepare the necessary lists of examination questions, conduct examinations, either written or oral or partly 15 written and partly oral, and shall certify to the secretary of health 16 all lists, signed by all members conducting the examination, of all 17 18 applicants for licenses who have successfully passed the examination 19 and a separate list of all applicants for licenses who have failed to pass the examination, together with a copy of all examination questions 20 used, and the written answers to questions on written examinations 21 submitted by each of the applicants.)) To develop and administer, or 22 23 approve, or both, a licensure examination. The board may approve an examination prepared or administered by a private testing agency or 24 25 association of licensing authorities.
- (2) The board shall adopt rules and regulations to promote safety, protection and the welfare of the public, to carry out the purposes of this chapter, to aid the board in the performance of its powers and duties, and to govern the practice of optometry.
- 30 **Sec. 8.** RCW 18.64A.020 and 1977 ex.s. c 101 s 2 are each amended 31 to read as follows:
- (1) The board shall adopt, in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW, rules ((and regulations)) fixing the classification and qualifications and the educational and training requirements for persons who may be employed as pharmacy assistants or who may be enrolled in any pharmacy assistant training program. Such ((regulations)) rules shall provide that:

- 1 (a) Licensed pharmacists shall supervise the training of pharmacy 2 assistants; and
- 3 (b) Training programs shall assure the competence of pharmacy 4 assistants to aid and assist pharmacy operations. Training programs 5 shall consist of instruction and/or practical training.

Such rules may include successful completion of examinations for applicants for pharmacy assistant certificates. If such examination rules are adopted, the board shall prepare or determine the nature of, and supervise the grading of the examinations. The board may approve an examination prepared or administered by a private testing agency or association of licensing authorities.

- (2) The board may disapprove or revoke approval of any training program for failure to conform to board rules ((and regulations)). In the case of the disapproval or revocation of approval of a training program by the board, a hearing shall be conducted in accordance with RCW 18.64.160 ((as now or hereafter amended)), and appeal may be taken in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 34.05 RCW.
- 18 **Sec. 9.** RCW 18.74.023 and 1991 c 12 s 3 and 1991 c 3 s 175 are 19 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- The board has the following powers and duties:
- 21 (1) To <u>develop and</u> administer<u>, or approve</u>, <u>or both</u>, examinations to 22 applicants for a license under this chapter.
- (2) To pass upon the qualifications of applicants for a license and to certify to the secretary duly qualified applicants.
- 25 (3) To make such rules not inconsistent with the laws of this state 26 as may be deemed necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of this 27 chapter.
- 28 (4) To establish and administer requirements for continuing 29 competency, which shall be a prerequisite to renewing a license under 30 this chapter.
- 31 (5) To keep an official record of all its proceedings, which record 32 shall be evidence of all proceedings of the board which are set forth 33 therein.
- 34 (6) To adopt rules not inconsistent with the laws of this state, 35 when it deems appropriate, in response to questions put to it by 36 professional health associations, physical therapists, and consumers in 37 this state concerning the authority of physical therapists to perform 38 particular acts.

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- 1 **Sec. 10.** RCW 18.74.035 and 1991 c 3 s 176 are each amended to read 2 as follows:
- All qualified applicants for a license as a physical therapist 4 shall be examined by the board at such time and place as the board may
- 5 determine. The board may approve an examination prepared or
- 6 <u>administered by a private testing agency or association of licensing</u>
- 7 <u>authorities.</u> The examination shall embrace the following subjects:
- 8 The applied sciences of anatomy, neuroanatomy, kinesiology, physiology,
- 9 pathology, psychology, physics; physical therapy, as defined in this
- 10 chapter, applied to medicine, neurology, orthopedics, pediatrics,
- 11 psychiatry, surgery; medical ethics; technical procedures in the
- 12 practice of physical therapy as defined in this chapter; and such other
- 13 subjects as the board may deem useful to test the applicant's fitness
- 14 to practice physical therapy, but not including the adjustment or
- 15 manipulation of the spine or use of a thrusting force as mobilization.
- 16 Examinations shall be held within the state at least once a year, at
- 17 such time and place as the board shall determine. An applicant who
- 18 fails an examination may apply for reexamination upon payment of a
- 19 reexamination fee determined by the secretary.
- 20 **Sec. 11.** RCW 18.83.070 and 1984 c 279 s 80 are each amended to 21 read as follows:
- 22 An applicant for a license as "psychologist" must submit proof to 23 the board that:
- 24 (1) The applicant is of good moral character.
- 25 (2) The applicant holds a doctoral degree from a regionally accredited institution, obtained from an integrated program of graduate
- 27 study in psychology as defined by rules of the board.
- 28 (3) The applicant has had no fewer than two years of supervised
- 29 experience, at least one of which shall have been obtained subsequent
- 30 to the granting of the doctoral degree. The board shall adopt rules
- 31 defining the circumstances under which supervised experience shall
- 32 qualify the candidate for licensure.
- 33 (4) The applicant has passed the written ((and)) or oral
- 34 examinations, or both, as prescribed by the board.
- 35 Any person holding a valid license to practice psychology in the
- 36 state of Washington on June 7, 1984, shall be considered licensed under
- 37 this chapter.

- 1 **Sec. 12.** RCW 18.83.072 and 1991 c 3 s 198 are each amended to read 2 as follows:
- 3 (1) Examination of applicants shall be held in Olympia, Washington, 4 or at such other place as designated by the secretary, at least 5 annually at such times as the board may determine.
- 6 (2) Any applicant shall have the right to discuss with the board 7 his or her performance on the examination.
- 8 (3) Any applicant who fails to make a passing grade on the 9 examination may be allowed to retake the examination. Any applicant 10 who fails the examination a second time must obtain special permission 11 from the board to take the examination again.
- 12 (4) The reexamination fee shall be the same as the application fee 13 set forth in RCW 18.83.060.
- 14 (5) The board may approve an examination prepared or administered 15 by a private testing agency or association of licensing authorities.
- 16 **Sec. 13.** RCW 18.92.030 and 1993 c 78 s 3 are each amended to read 17 as follows:
- 18 The board shall ((prepare examination questions, conduct 19 examinations, and grade the answers of applicants)) develop and administer, or approve, or both, a licensure examination in the 20 subjects determined by the board to be essential to the practice of 21 veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry. The board may approve an 22 23 examination prepared or administered by a private testing agency or 24 association of licensing authorities. The board, under chapter 34.05 25 RCW, may adopt rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter, including the performance of the duties and responsibilities 26 of animal technicians and veterinary medication clerks. 27 The rules shall be adopted in the interest of good veterinary health care 28 29 delivery to the consuming public and shall not prevent animal 30 technicians from inoculating an animal. The board also has the power to adopt by rule standards prescribing requirements for veterinary 31 medical facilities and fixing minimum standards of continuing 32
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veterinary medical education.

35 **Sec. 14.** RCW 18.92.100 and 1991 c 3 s 243 are each amended to read 36 as follows:

- Examinations for license to practice veterinary medicine, surgery 1 2 and dentistry shall be held at least once each year at such times and places as the secretary may authorize and direct. ((Said)) The 3 4 examination((, which shall be conducted in the English language)) shall be((, in whole or in part, in writing)) on ((the following)) 5 subjects((: Veterinary anatomy, surgery, obstetrics, pathology, 6 7 chemistry, hygiene, veterinary diagnosis, materia medica, therapeutics, 8 parasitology, physiology, sanitary medicine, and such other subjects 9 which)) that are ordinarily included in the curricula of veterinary colleges((, as the board may prescribe)). All examinees shall be 10 tested by written examination, supplemented by such oral interviews and 11 12 practical demonstrations as the board deems necessary. ((The board may 13 accept the examinee's results on the National Board of Veterinary Examiners in lieu of the written portion of the state examination.)) 14
- 15 **Sec. 15.** RCW 18.108.030 and 1987 c 443 s 3 are each amended to 16 read as follows:
- 17 (1) No person may practice or represent himself or herself as a 18 massage practitioner without first applying for and receiving from the 19 department a license to practice.
- (2) A person represents himself or herself 20 as a massage 21 practitioner when the person adopts or uses any title or any 22 description of services that incorporates one or more of the following 23 terms or designations: Massage, massage practitioner, massage 24 therapist, massage therapy, therapeutic massage, massage technician, 25 massage technology, massagist, masseur, masseuse, myotherapist or myotherapy, touch therapist, reflexologist, ((accupressurist)) 26 acupressurist, body therapy or body therapist, or any derivation of 27 28 those terms that implies a massage technique or method.
- 29 **Sec. 16.** RCW 18.108.050 and 1987 c 443 s 5 are each amended to 30 read as follows:
- 31 This chapter does not apply to:
- 32 (1) An individual giving massage to members of his or her immediate 33 family;
- 34 (2) The practice of a profession by individuals who are licensed, 35 certified, or registered under other laws of this state and who are 36 performing services within their authorized scope of practice;

- 1 (3) Massage practiced at the athletic department of any institution 2 maintained by the public funds of the state, or any of its political 3 subdivisions;
- 4 (4) Massage practiced at the athletic department of any school or college approved by the department by rule using recognized national professional standards;
- 7 (5) Students enrolled in an approved massage school, approved 8 program, or approved apprenticeship program, practicing massage 9 techniques, incidental to the massage school or program and supervised 10 by the approved school or program. Students must identify themselves 11 as a student when performing massage services on members of the public. 12 Students may not be compensated for the massage services they provide.
- 13 **Sec. 17.** RCW 18.108.073 and 1991 c 3 s 258 are each amended to 14 read as follows:
- 15 (1) The date and location of the examination shall be established 16 by the secretary. Applicants who demonstrate to the secretary's 17 satisfaction that the following requirements have been met shall be 18 scheduled for the next examination following the filing of the 19 application:
- 20 (a) Effective June 1, 1988, successful completion of a course of 21 study in an approved massage program; or
- (b) Effective June 1, 1988, successful completion of an apprenticeship program established by the board; and
 - (c) Be eighteen years of age or older.
- In addition, the secretary shall establish a deadline for receipt of completed and approved applications ((shall be received sixty days before the scheduled examination)).
- (2) The board or its designee shall examine each applicant in a 28 29 written ((and practical)) examination determined most effective on subjects appropriate to the massage scope of practice. The subjects 30 may include anatomy, kinesiology, physiology, pathology, principles of 31 32 human behavior, massage theory and practice, hydrotherapy, hygiene, first aid, Washington law pertaining to the practice of massage, and 33 34 such other subjects as the board may deem useful to test applicant's fitness to practice massage therapy. Such examinations shall be 35 36 limited in purpose to determining whether the applicant possesses the minimum skill and knowledge necessary to practice competently. 37

(3) ((The examination papers, all grading of examinations, and the grading of any practical work,)) All records of a candidate's performance shall be preserved for a period of not less than one year after the board has made and published decisions thereupon. All examinations shall be conducted by the board under fair and impartial methods as determined by the secretary.

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- (4) An applicant who fails to make the required grade in the first examination is entitled to take up to two additional examinations upon the payment of a fee for each subsequent examination determined by the secretary as provided in RCW 43.70.250. Upon failure of three examinations, the secretary may invalidate the original application and require such remedial education as is required by the board before admission to future examinations.
- 14 (5) The board may approve an examination prepared or administered, 15 or both, by a private testing agency or association of licensing boards 16 for use by an applicant in meeting the licensing requirement.
- 17 **Sec. 18.** RCW 18.30.020 and 1995 c 1 s 3 (Initiative Measure No. 18 607) are each amended to read as follows:
- 19 (1) Before making and fitting a denture, a denturist shall examine 20 the patient's oral cavity.
- (a) If the examination gives the denturist reasonable cause to 21 22 believe that there is an abnormality or disease process that requires 23 medical or dental treatment, the denturist shall immediately refer the 24 patient to a dentist or physician. In such cases, the denturist shall 25 take no further action to manufacture or place a denture until the patient has been examined by a dentist or physician and the dentist or 26 physician gives written clearance that the denture will pose no threat 27 28 to the patient's health.
- (b) If the examination reveals the need for tissue or teeth modification in order to assure proper fit of a full or partial denture, the denturist shall refer the patient to a dentist and assure that the modification has been completed before taking an impression for the completion of the denture.
- 34 (2) A denturist who makes or places a denture in a manner not 35 consistent with this section is subject to the sanctions provided in 36 chapter 18.130 RCW, the uniform disciplinary act.
- 37 (3) A denturist must successfully complete special training in oral 38 pathology prescribed by the ((board)) secretary, whether as part of an

- 1 approved associate degree program or equivalent training, and pass an
- 2 examination prescribed by the ((board)) secretary, which may be a part
- 3 of the examination for licensure to become a licensed denturist.
- 4 Sec. 19. RCW 18.30.080 and 1995 c 1 s 9 (Initiative Measure No.
- 5 607) are each amended to read as follows:
- 6 The secretary shall:
- 7 (1) <u>In consultation with the board, determine the qualifications of</u>
- 8 persons applying for licensure under this chapter;
- 9 (2) In consultation with the board, prescribe, administer, and
- 10 determine the requirements for examinations under this chapter and
- 11 <u>establish a passing grade for licensure under this chapter;</u>
- 12 (3) In consultation with the board, adopt rules under chapter 34.05
- 13 RCW to carry out the provisions of this chapter;
- 14 (4) In consultation with the board, set all licensure, examination,
- 15 and renewal fees in accordance with RCW 43.70.250;
- 16 (5) Evaluate and designate those schools from which graduation will
- 17 be accepted as proof of an applicant's completion of course work
- 18 <u>requirements for licensure;</u>
- 19 (6) Act as the disciplining authority under this chapter in
- 20 accordance with the uniform disciplinary act, chapter 18.130 RCW, which
- 21 governs unlicensed practice, the issuance and denial of licenses, and
- 22 the disciplining of license holders under this chapter;
- 23 (7) Issue licenses for the practice of denturism under this
- 24 chapter;
- $((\frac{2}{2}))$ (8) Administer oaths and subpoena witnesses for the purpose
- 26 of carrying out the activities authorized under this chapter;
- (((3))) (9) Establish forms and procedures necessary to administer
- 28 this chapter;
- 29 $((\frac{4}{10}))$ Hire clerical, administrative, investigative, and
- 30 other staff as needed to implement this chapter and act on behalf of
- 31 the board <u>and the secretary</u>; and
- (((+5))) (11) Issue licenses of endorsement for applicants from
- 33 states ((that maintain standards of practice)) with substantially
- 34 equivalent <u>licensing standards</u> to this state.
- 35 Sec. 20. RCW 18.30.090 and 1995 c 1 s 10 (Initiative Measure No.
- 36 607) are each amended to read as follows:

- The secretary shall issue a license to practice denturism to an applicant who submits a completed application, pays the appropriate fees, and meets the following requirements:
- 4 (1) A person currently licensed to practice denturism under 5 statutory provisions of another state ((or federal enclave that 6 maintains standards of practice)) with substantially equivalent 7 licensing standards to this chapter shall be licensed without 8 examination upon providing the department with the following:
- 9 (a) Proof of successfully passing a written and clinical 10 examination for denturism in a state that the ((board)) secretary has 11 determined has substantially equivalent standards as those in this 12 chapter in both the written and clinical examinations; and
- (b) An affidavit from the state agency where the person is licensed or certified attesting to the fact of the person's licensure or certification.
- 16 (2) A person graduating from a formal denturism program shall be 17 licensed if he or she:
- (a) Documents successful completion of formal training with a major course of study in denturism of not less than two years in duration at an educational institution recognized by the ((board)) secretary; and
- 21 (b) Passes a written and clinical examination approved by the 22 ((board)) secretary.
- (3) An applicant who does not otherwise qualify under subsection (1) or (2) of this section shall be licensed within two years of December 8, 1994, if he or she:
- (a) Provides to the ((board)) secretary three affidavits by persons other than family members attesting to the applicant's employment in denture technology for at least five years, or provides documentation of at least four thousand hours of practical work within denture technology;
- (b) Provides documentation of successful completion of a training course approved by the ((board)) secretary or completion of an equivalent course approved by the ((board)) secretary; and
- (c) Passes a written and clinical examination administered by the ((board)) secretary.
- 36 **Sec. 21.** RCW 18.30.100 and 1995 c 1 s 11 (Initiative Measure No. 37 607) are each amended to read as follows:

- The ((board)) secretary shall administer the examinations for licensing under this chapter, subject to the following requirements:
- 3 (1) Examinations shall determine the qualifications, fitness, and 4 ability of the applicant to practice denturism. The test shall include 5 a written examination and a practical demonstration of skills.
 - (2) Examinations shall be held at least annually.
- 7 (3) The first examination shall be conducted not later than July 1, 8 1995.
- 9 (4) The written examination shall cover the following subjects:
- 10 (a) Head and oral anatomy and physiology; (b) oral pathology; (c)
- 11 partial denture construction and design; (d) microbiology; (e) clinical
- 12 dental technology; (f) dental laboratory technology; (g) clinical
- 13 jurisprudence; (h) asepsis; (i) medical emergencies; and (j)
- 14 cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- 15 (5) Upon payment of the appropriate fee, an applicant who fails
- 16 either the written or practical examination may have additional
- 17 opportunities to take the portion of the examination that he or she
- 18 failed.

- 19 The ((board or)) secretary may hire trained persons licensed under
- 20 this chapter to prepare, administer, and grade the examinations or may
- 21 contract with regional examiners who meet qualifications adopted by the
- 22 ((board)) secretary.
- 23 Sec. 22. RCW 18.30.110 and 1995 c 1 s 12 (Initiative Measure No.
- 24 607) are each amended to read as follows:
- 25 The department shall charge and collect the fees established by the
- 26 ((board)) secretary. Fees collected shall be placed in the health
- 27 professions account under RCW 43.70.320.
- 28 Sec. 23. RCW 18.30.130 and 1995 c 1 s 14 (Initiative Measure No.
- 29 607) are each amended to read as follows:
- The ((board)) secretary shall establish by rule the administrative
- 31 requirements for renewal of licenses to practice denturism, but shall
- 32 not increase the licensure requirements provided in this chapter. The
- 33 ((board)) secretary shall establish a renewal and late renewal penalty
- 34 in accordance with RCW 43.70.250. Failure to renew shall invalidate
- 35 the license and all privileges granted by the license. The ((board))
- 36 <u>secretary</u> shall determine by rule whether a license shall be canceled

- 1 for failure to renew and shall establish procedures and prerequisites
- 2 for relicensure.
- 3 Sec. 24. RCW 18.30.140 and 1995 c 1 s 15 (Initiative Measure No.
- 4 607) are each amended to read as follows:
- 5 (1) An individual may place his or her license on inactive status.
- 6 The holder of an inactive license shall not practice denturism in this
- 7 state without first activating the license.
- 8 (2) The inactive renewal fee shall be established by the ((board))
- 9 <u>secretary</u>. Failure to renew an inactive license shall result in
- 10 cancellation in the same manner as failure to renew an active license
- 11 results in cancellation.
- 12 (3) An inactive license may be placed in an active status upon
- 13 compliance with rules established by the ((board)) secretary.
- 14 (4) The provisions relating to denial, suspension, and revocation
- 15 of a license are applicable to an inactive license, except that when
- 16 proceedings to suspend or revoke an inactive license have been
- 17 initiated, the license shall remain inactive until the proceedings have
- 18 been completed.
- 19 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 25.** RCW 18.30.070 and 1995 c 1 s 8 (Initiative
- 20 Measure No. 607) are each repealed.
- 21 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 26.** A new section is added to chapter 18.130
- 22 RCW to read as follows:
- 23 The secretary of health shall review and coordinate all proposed
- 24 rules, interpretive statements, policy statements, and declaratory
- 25 orders, as defined in chapter 34.05 RCW, that are proposed for adoption
- 26 or issuance by any health profession board or commission vested with
- 27 rule-making authority identified under RCW 18.130.040(2)(b). The
- 28 secretary shall review the proposed policy statements and declaratory
- 29 orders against criteria that include the effect of the proposed rule,
- 30 statement, or order upon existing health care policies and practice of
- 31 health professionals. Within thirty days of the receipt of a proposed
- 32 rule, interpretive statement, policy statement, or declaratory order
- 33 from the originating board or commission, the secretary shall inform
- 34 the board or commission of the results of the review, and shall provide
- 35 any comments or suggestions that the secretary deems appropriate.
- 36 Emergency rule making is not subject to this review process. The

- 1 secretary is authorized to adopt rules and procedures for the
- 2 coordination and review under this section.
- 3 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 27.** Sections 18 through 25 of this act are
- 4 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,
- 5 or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public
- 6 institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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