

2 **HB 1699** - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 18.32.002 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 201 are each amended
8 to read as follows:

9 The legislature finds that the health and well-being of the people
10 of this state are of paramount importance.

11 The legislature further finds that the conduct of members of the
12 dental profession licensed to practice dentistry in this state plays a
13 vital role in preserving the health and well-being of the people of the
14 state.

15 The legislature further finds that requiring continuing dental
16 education for all licensed dentists in the state is an important
17 component of providing high quality dentistry for the people of this
18 state.

19 The legislature further finds that there is no effective means of
20 handling disciplinary proceedings against members of the dental
21 profession licensed in this state when such proceedings are necessary
22 for the protection of the public health.

23 Therefore, the legislature declares its intention to exercise the
24 police power of the state to protect the public health, to promote the
25 welfare of the state, and to provide a commission to act as a
26 disciplinary and regulatory body for the members of the dental
27 profession licensed to practice dentistry in this state.

28 It is the purpose of the commission established in RCW 18.32.0351
29 to regulate the competency and quality of professional health care
30 providers under its jurisdiction by establishing, monitoring, and
31 enforcing qualifications for licensure, continuing education,
32 consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and
33 discipline. Rules, policies, and procedures developed by the
34 commission must promote the delivery of quality health care to the
35 residents of the state.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.32.0357 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 207 are each amended
2 to read as follows:

3 The commission shall elect officers each year. Meetings of the
4 commission are open to the public, except the commission may hold
5 executive sessions to the extent permitted by chapter 42.30 RCW. The
6 secretary of health shall furnish such secretarial, clerical, and other
7 assistance as the commission may require.

8 A majority of the commission members appointed and serving
9 constitutes a quorum for the transaction of commission business. The
10 affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the commission is
11 required to carry a motion or resolution, to adopt a rule, or to pass
12 a measure.

13 The commission may appoint members of panels consisting of not less
14 than three members. A quorum for transaction of any business shall be
15 a minimum of three members. A majority vote of a quorum of the panel
16 is required to transact business delegated to it by the commission.

17 The members of the commission are immune from suit in an action,
18 civil or criminal, based upon its disciplinary proceedings or other
19 official acts performed in good faith as members of the commission.

20 The commission may, whenever the workload of the commission
21 requires, request that the secretary appoint pro tempore members.
22 While serving as members pro tempore persons have all the powers,
23 duties, and immunities, and are entitled to the emoluments, including
24 travel expenses, of the commission.

25 The commission shall prepare or determine the nature of the
26 examinations for applicants to practice dentistry.

27 The commission shall establish continuing dental education
28 requirements.

29 The attorney general shall advise the commission and represent it
30 in all legal proceedings.

31 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.32.180 and 1996 c 191 s 16 are each amended to read
32 as follows:

33 Every person licensed to practice dentistry in this state shall
34 renew his or her license and comply with administrative procedures,
35 administrative requirements, continuing education requirements, and
36 fees as provided in RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280. The commission, in
37 its sole discretion, may permit the applicant to be licensed without
38 examination, and with or without conditions, if it is satisfied that

1 the applicant meets all the requirements for licensure in this state
2 and is competent to engage in the practice of dentistry.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The continuing education requirements of RCW
4 18.32.180 apply to licenses renewed after July 1, 2001."

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8 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "dentists;" strike the
9 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 18.32.002, 18.32.0357,
10 and 18.32.180; and creating a new section."

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