

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1699**

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56th Legislature  
1999 Regular Session

DENTISTRY--CONTINUING EDUCATION

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Passed by the House April 19, 1999  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

CLYDE BALLARD  
**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

FRANK CHOPP  
**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 12, 1999  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN  
**President of the Senate**

Approved May 17, 1999

GARY LOCKE  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

We, Dean R. Foster and Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1699** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

DEAN R. FOSTER

**Chief Clerk**

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN

**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By Representatives Parlette, Cody, Schoesler, Barlean, Esser, Edmonds  
and Van Luven

Read first time 02/03/1999. Referred to Committee on Health Care.

1            AN ACT Relating to continuing education for dentists; amending RCW  
2 18.32.002, 18.32.0357, and 18.32.180; and creating a new section.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.32.002 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 201 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

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

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

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

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

1       Therefore, the legislature declares its intention to exercise the  
2 police power of the state to protect the public health, to promote the  
3 welfare of the state, and to provide a commission to act as a  
4 disciplinary and regulatory body for the members of the dental  
5 profession licensed to practice dentistry in this state.

6       It is the purpose of the commission established in RCW 18.32.0351  
7 to regulate the competency and quality of professional health care  
8 providers under its jurisdiction by establishing, monitoring, and  
9 enforcing qualifications for licensure, continuing education,  
10 consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and  
11 discipline. Rules, policies, and procedures developed by the  
12 commission must promote the delivery of quality health care to the  
13 residents of the state.

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

16       The commission shall elect officers each year. Meetings of the  
17 commission are open to the public, except the commission may hold  
18 executive sessions to the extent permitted by chapter 42.30 RCW. The  
19 secretary of health shall furnish such secretarial, clerical, and other  
20 assistance as the commission may require.

21       A majority of the commission members appointed and serving  
22 constitutes a quorum for the transaction of commission business. The  
23 affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the commission is  
24 required to carry a motion or resolution, to adopt a rule, or to pass  
25 a measure.

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

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

33       The commission may, whenever the workload of the commission  
34 requires, request that the secretary appoint pro tempore members.  
35 While serving as members pro tempore persons have all the powers,  
36 duties, and immunities, and are entitled to the emoluments, including  
37 travel expenses, of the commission.

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

3       The commission shall establish continuing dental education  
4 requirements.

5       The attorney general shall advise the commission and represent it  
6 in all legal proceedings.

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

9       Every person licensed to practice dentistry in this state shall  
10 renew his or her license and comply with administrative procedures,  
11 administrative requirements, continuing education requirements, and  
12 fees as provided in RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280. The commission, in  
13 its sole discretion, may permit the applicant to be licensed without  
14 examination, and with or without conditions, if it is satisfied that  
15 the applicant meets all the requirements for licensure in this state  
16 and is competent to engage in the practice of dentistry.

17       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The continuing education requirements of RCW  
18 18.32.180 apply to licenses renewed after July 1, 2001.

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