
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2689

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By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Dyer, Cody, Campbell and Conway)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery;
2 and amending RCW 18.32.020.

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

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

6 A person practices dentistry, within the meaning of this chapter,
7 who (1) represents himself as being able to diagnose, treat, remove
8 stains and concretions from teeth, operate or prescribe for any
9 disease, pain, injury, deficiency, deformity, or physical condition of
10 the human teeth, alveolar process, gums, or jaw, 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 (5) professes to the public by any
18 method to furnish, supply, construct, reproduce, or repair any

1 prosthetic denture, bridge, appliance, or other structure to be worn in
2 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.

18 The practice of dentistry includes the performance of any dental or
19 oral and maxillofacial surgery. "Oral and maxillofacial surgery" means
20 the specialty of dentistry that includes the diagnosis and surgical and
21 adjunctive treatment of diseases, injuries, and defects of the hard and
22 soft tissues of the oral and maxillofacial region.

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