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By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

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Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 18.32.215 and 2003 c 57 s 2 are each amended to read 4 as follows:

5 (1) An applicant holding a valid license and currently engaged in 6 practice in another state may be granted a license without examination 7 required by this chapter, on the payment of any required fees, if the 8 applicant:

9 (a) Is a graduate of a dental college, school, or dental department 10 of an institution approved by the commission under RCW 18.32.040(1); or 11 (b)(i) Has practiced in another state for at least four years; and 12 (ii) Has completed a one-year postdoctoral residency approved by 13 the commission. The residency may have been completed outside 14 Washington.

15 (2) The commission may also require the applicant to: (((1))) (a) 16 File with the commission documentation certifying the applicant is 17 licensed to practice in another state; and (((2))) (b) provide 18 information as the commission deems necessary pertaining to the 19 conditions and criteria of the Uniform Disciplinary Act, chapter 18.130 20 RCW, and to demonstrate to the commission a knowledge of Washington law 21 pertaining to the practice of dentistry.

22 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 18.32 RCW 23 to read as follows:

By November 15, 2009, the commission shall report to the governor and the legislature with recommendations for appropriate standards for issuing a license to a foreign-trained dentist. The recommendations shall consider the balance between maintaining assurances that Washington's dental professionals are well-qualified and planning for an adequate supply of dentists to meet the future needs of Washington's diverse urban and rural communities. In addition to considering the use of standards established by accreditation organizations, the recommendations shall consider other options to reduce barriers to licensure.

5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 3. This act expires July 1, 2010."

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6 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "dentistry;" strike the 7 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 18.32.215; adding a new 8 section to chapter 18.32 RCW; and providing an expiration date."

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