
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1586

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By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Macri and Cody; by request of Department of Health)

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1 AN ACT Relating to dental professions; amending RCW 18.32.0351;
2 and reenacting and amending RCW 18.32.040.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.32.0351 and 2007 c 269 s 16 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The Washington state dental quality assurance commission is
7 established, consisting of ~~((sixteen))~~ seventeen members each
8 appointed by the governor to a four-year term. No member may serve
9 more than two consecutive full terms. In appointing the initial
10 members of the commission, it is the intent of the legislature that,
11 to the extent possible, members of the previous boards and committees
12 regulating these professions be appointed to the commission. Members
13 of the commission hold office until their successors are appointed.
14 The governor may appoint members of the initial commission to
15 staggered terms of from one to four years. Thereafter, all members
16 shall be appointed to full four-year terms. Twelve members of the
17 commission must be dentists, two members must be expanded function
18 dental auxiliaries licensed under chapter 18.260 RCW, and ~~((two))~~
19 three members must be public members.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.32.040 and 2005 c 454 s 2 and 2005 c 274 s 222
2 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

3 The commission shall require that every applicant for a license
4 to practice dentistry shall:

5 (1) Present satisfactory evidence of graduation from a dental
6 college, school, or dental department of an institution approved by
7 the commission; and

8 (2) ~~((Submit, for the files of the commission, a recent picture
9 duly identified and attested; and~~

10 ~~(3))~~(a) Pass an examination prepared or approved by and
11 administered under the direction of the commission. The dentistry
12 licensing examination shall consist of practical and written tests
13 upon such subjects and of such scope as the commission determines.
14 The commission shall set the standards for passing the examination.
15 The secretary shall keep on file the examination papers and records
16 of examination for at least one year. This file shall be open for
17 inspection by the applicant or the applicant's agent unless the
18 disclosure will compromise the examination process as determined by
19 the commission or is exempted from disclosure under chapter 42.56
20 RCW.

21 (b) The commission may accept, in lieu of all or part of the
22 written examination required in (a) of this subsection, a certificate
23 granted by a national or regional testing organization approved by
24 the commission.

25 (c) The commission shall accept, in lieu of the practical
26 examination required in (a) of this subsection, proof that an
27 applicant has satisfactorily completed a postdoctoral dental
28 residency program accredited by the commission on dental
29 accreditation of the American dental association and approved by the
30 commission, of one to three year's duration, in a community health
31 clinic that serves predominantly low-income patients or is located in
32 a dental care health professional shortage area in this state, and
33 that includes an outcome assessment evaluation, other than the
34 western regional examining board's clinical examination, assessing
35 the resident's competence to practice dentistry. The commission shall
36 develop criteria, consistent with the standards of the commission on
37 dental accreditation of the American dental association, for
38 community clinics to use when sponsoring students in a residency
39 program under this subsection, including guidelines for the proper

- 1 supervision of the resident and measuring the resident's competence
- 2 to practice dentistry.

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