

**ESHB 1466** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Health & Long Term Care

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 **"Sec. 1.** RCW 18.29.190 and 2019 c 111 s 3 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The department shall issue an initial (~~limited~~) temporary  
6 license without the examination required by this chapter to any  
7 applicant who, as determined by the secretary:

8 (a) Holds a valid license in another state or Canadian province  
9 that allows a substantively equivalent scope of practice in  
10 subsection (3) (a) through (j) of this section;

11 (~~(b) (Is currently engaged in active practice in another state or~~  
12 ~~Canadian province. For the purposes of this section, "active~~  
13 ~~practice" means five hundred sixty hours of practice in the preceding~~  
14 ~~twenty-four months;~~

15 ~~(e))~~ Files with the secretary documentation certifying that the  
16 applicant:

17 (i) Has graduated from an accredited dental hygiene school  
18 approved by the secretary;

19 (ii) Has successfully completed the dental hygiene national board  
20 examination; and

21 (iii) Is licensed to practice in another state or Canadian  
22 province;

23 (~~(d)~~) (c) Provides information as the secretary deems necessary  
24 pertaining to the conditions and criteria of the uniform disciplinary  
25 act, chapter 18.130 RCW;

26 (~~(e)~~) (d) Demonstrates to the secretary a knowledge of  
27 Washington state law pertaining to the practice of dental hygiene,  
28 including the administration of legend drugs; and

29 (~~(f)~~) (e) Pays any required fees (~~;~~ and

30 ~~(g) Meets requirements for AIDS education~~)).

1 (2) The term of the initial (~~limited~~) temporary license issued  
2 under this section is (~~eighteen months~~) five years and it is  
3 renewable upon:

4 (a) Demonstration of successful passage of a substantively  
5 equivalent dental hygiene patient evaluation/prophylaxis examination;

6 (b) Demonstration of successful passage of a substantively  
7 equivalent local anesthesia examination;

8 (c) Demonstration of didactic and clinical competency in the  
9 administration of nitrous oxide analgesia; and

10 (d) Demonstration of successful passage of an educational program  
11 on the administration of local anesthesia and nitrous oxide  
12 analgesia.

13 (3) A person practicing with an initial (~~limited~~) temporary  
14 license granted under this section has the authority to perform  
15 hygiene procedures that are limited to:

16 (a) Oral inspection and measuring of periodontal pockets;

17 (b) Patient education in oral hygiene;

18 (c) Taking intra-oral and extra-oral radiographs;

19 (d) Applying topical preventive or prophylactic agents;

20 (e) Polishing and smoothing restorations;

21 (f) Oral prophylaxis and removal of deposits and stains from the  
22 surface of the teeth;

23 (g) Recording health histories;

24 (h) Taking and recording blood pressure and vital signs;

25 (i) Performing subgingival and supragingival scaling; and

26 (j) Performing root planing.

27 (4)(a) A person practicing with an initial (~~limited~~) temporary  
28 license granted under this section may not perform the following  
29 dental hygiene procedures unless authorized in (b) or (c) of this  
30 subsection:

31 (i) Give injections of local anesthetic;

32 (ii) Place restorations into the cavity prepared by a licensed  
33 dentist and afterwards carve, contour, and adjust contacts and  
34 occlusion of the restoration;

35 (iii) Soft tissue curettage; or

36 (iv) Administer nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia.

37 (b) A person licensed in another state or Canadian province who  
38 can demonstrate substantively equivalent licensing standards in the  
39 administration of local anesthetic may receive a temporary  
40 endorsement to administer local anesthesia. For purposes of the

1 renewed (~~limited~~) temporary license, this endorsement demonstrates  
2 the successful passage of the local anesthesia examination.

3 (c) A person licensed in another state or Canadian province who  
4 can demonstrate substantively equivalent licensing standards in  
5 restorative procedures may receive a temporary endorsement for  
6 restorative procedures.

7 (d) A person licensed in another state or Canadian province who  
8 can demonstrate substantively equivalent licensing standards in  
9 administering nitrous oxide analgesia may receive a temporary  
10 endorsement to administer nitrous oxide analgesia.

11 (5)(a) A person practicing with a renewed (~~limited~~) temporary  
12 license granted under this section may:

13 (i) Perform hygiene procedures as provided under subsection (3)  
14 of this section;

15 (ii) Give injections of local anesthetic;

16 (iii) Perform soft tissue curettage; and

17 (iv) Administer nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia.

18 (b) A person practicing with a renewed (~~limited~~) temporary  
19 license granted under this section may not place restorations into  
20 the cavity prepared by a licensed dentist and afterwards carve,  
21 contour, and adjust contacts and occlusion of the restoration.

22 (6) The secretary shall issue an initial temporary license to all  
23 dental hygienists with an active limited license as of the effective  
24 date of this section. The initial temporary license expires five  
25 years after the date the initial limited license was issued."

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26 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "auxiliaries;" strike the  
27 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 18.29.190."

EFFECT: Requires the Secretary of Health to issue a temporary  
license to all dental hygienists with an active initial limited  
license, valid five years after the initial limited license was  
issued.

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