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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5634**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Cantu, Bailey and A. Smith).

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1       AN ACT Relating to sterilization and infection control in dentists'  
2 offices; amending RCW 18.32.725; adding a new section to chapter 18.32  
3 RCW; and making an appropriation.

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

5       **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.32.725 and 1935 c 112 s 27 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7       It shall be the duty of every person engaged in the practice of  
8 dentistry or who shall own, operate, or manage any dental office to  
9 keep said office and dental equipment in a thoroughly clean and  
10 sanitary condition and to fulfill the requirements for sterilization of  
11 equipment and infection control adopted by the board under section 2 of  
12 this act. Failure to comply with the duty established under this  
13 section is unprofessional conduct.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 18.32 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        The dental disciplinary board shall adopt rules establishing  
4 minimum requirements for sterilization of equipment and infection  
5 control in dentists' offices.    In adopting the rules, the dental  
6 disciplinary board shall consider standards established by national  
7 health associations for sterilization of equipment and infection  
8 control, including standards adopted for surgical procedures.

9        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**        There is appropriated from the health  
10 professions account, the sum of forty-nine thousand dollars to the  
11 department of health for the 1991-1993 biennium for the purposes of  
12 this act.