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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6234**

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**By** Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators West, M. Kreidler, Johnson and Wojahn)

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1       AN ACT Relating to granting temporary licenses to dental hygienists  
2 licensed in another state; and adding a new section to chapter 18.29  
3 RCW.

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

5       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.29 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7       (1) A person holding a valid license who has graduated from a  
8 dental hygiene program approved by the secretary and who is currently  
9 engaged in practice in another state shall be granted a temporary  
10 license without examination required by this chapter, on the payment of  
11 any required fees. The term of the temporary license is two years.  
12 The secretary may require the applicant to:   (a) File with the  
13 secretary documentation certifying the applicant is licensed to  
14 practice in another state; and (b) provide information as the secretary

1 deems necessary pertaining to the conditions and criteria of the  
2 uniform disciplinary act, chapter 18.130 RCW and to demonstrate to the  
3 secretary a knowledge of Washington law pertaining to the practice of  
4 dental hygiene.

5 (2) Dental hygienists practicing under a temporary license granted  
6 under this section shall have the authority to perform traditional  
7 hygienist duties, which are limited to:

8 (a) Oral inspection and measuring of periodontal pockets, with no  
9 diagnosis;

10 (b) Patient education in oral hygiene;

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

12 (d) Applying topical preventive or prophylactic agents;

13 (e) Polishing and smoothing restorations;

14 (f) Oral prophylaxis and removal of deposits and stains from the  
15 surfaces of the teeth;

16 (g) Recording health histories;

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

18 (i) Performing sub-gingival and supra-gingival scaling; and

19 (j) Performing root planing.

20 (3) Dental hygienists granted a temporary license under this  
21 section shall in no event perform the following operations or services:

22 (a) Give injections of local anesthetic; or

23 (b) Place restorations into the cavity prepared by the dentist and  
24 thereafter carve, contour, and adjust contacts and reclusion of the  
25 restoration.