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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1801**

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1 AN ACT Relating to granting temporary licenses to dental hygienists  
2 licensed in another state; and adding new sections 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) The department shall issue a temporary license without the  
8 examination required by this chapter to any applicant who, as  
9 determined by the secretary:

10 (a) Holds a valid license in another state that allows the scope of  
11 practice in subsection (3)(a) through (j) of this section;

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

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

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

1 (ii) Has successfully completed the dental hygiene national board  
2 examination; and  
3 (iii) Is licensed to practice in another state;  
4 (d) Provides information as the secretary deems necessary  
5 pertaining to the conditions and criteria of the uniform disciplinary  
6 act, chapter 18.130 RCW;  
7 (e) Demonstrates to the secretary a knowledge of Washington state  
8 law pertaining to the practice of dental hygiene, including the  
9 administration of legend drugs;  
10 (f) Pays any required fees; and  
11 (g) Meets requirements for AIDS education.  
12 (2) The term of the temporary license issued under this section is  
13 eighteen months and it is nonrenewable.  
14 (3) A person practicing with a temporary license granted under this  
15 section has the authority to perform hygiene procedures that are  
16 limited to:  
17 (a) Oral inspection and measuring of periodontal pockets;  
18 (b) Patient education in oral hygiene;  
19 (c) Taking intra-oral and extra-oral radiographs;  
20 (d) Applying topical preventive or prophylactic agents;  
21 (e) Polishing and smoothing restorations;  
22 (f) Oral prophylaxis and removal of deposits and stains from the  
23 surface of the teeth;  
24 (g) Recording health histories;  
25 (h) Taking and recording blood pressure and vital signs;  
26 (i) Performing subgingival and supragingival scaling; and  
27 (j) Performing root planing.  
28 (4)(a) A person practicing with a temporary license granted under  
29 this section may not perform the following dental hygiene procedures  
30 unless authorized in (b) or (c) of this 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 who can demonstrate  
38 substantively equivalent licensing standards in the administration of

1 local anesthetic may receive a temporary endorsement to administer  
2 local anesthesia.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.29 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 A person granted a temporary license under this chapter who does  
9 not meet the requirements for substantively equivalent licensing  
10 standards in restorative or local anesthetic must submit proof of  
11 completion of approved education in these procedures before being  
12 eligible to take the dental hygiene examination.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 18.29 RCW  
14 to read as follows:

15 The secretary in consultation with the dental hygiene examining  
16 committee shall develop rules and definitions to implement this  
17 chapter.

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