Sponsor(s): Senators Thibaudeau, Deccio and Hale

Brief Description: Creating the board of dental hygiene.

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Provides that, in addition to other duties specified in chapter 18.29 RCW, the board has the following powers and duties:

- (1) To develop and administer, or approve, or both, examinations to applicants for licensure under this chapter;
- (2) To pass upon the qualifications of applicants for a license and to certify to the secretary duly qualified applicants;
- (3) To adopt rules not inconsistent with the laws of this state as may be deemed necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of this chapter;
- (4) To establish and administer requirements for continuing competency, which shall be a prerequisite to renewing a license under this chapter;
- (5) To keep an official record of all board proceedings, which record shall be evidence of all proceedings of the board that are set forth in the official record; and
- (6) To adopt rules not inconsistent with the laws of this state, when it deems appropriate, in response to questions put to it by professional dental related associations, dental hygienists, and consumers in this state concerning the authority of dental hygienists to perform certain acts.

Repeals RCW 18.29.110, 18.29.130, 18.29.170, 18.29.190, and 18.29.200.