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HOUSE BILL 1493

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1            AN ACT Relating to dental hygienists; and amending RCW 18.29.050.

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

3            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.29.050 and 1997 c 37 s 1 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5            Any person licensed as a dental hygienist in this state may remove  
6 deposits and stains from the surfaces of the teeth, may apply topical  
7 preventive or prophylactic agents, may place antimicrobials and  
8 antibiotics, may polish and smooth restorations, may perform root  
9 planing and soft-tissue curettage, and may perform other dental  
10 operations and services delegated to them by a licensed dentist:  
11 PROVIDED HOWEVER, That licensed dental hygienists shall in no event  
12 perform the following dental operations or services:

- 13            (1) Any surgical removal of tissue of the oral cavity;  
14            (2) Any prescription of drugs or medications requiring the written  
15 order or prescription of a licensed dentist or physician;  
16            (3) Any diagnosis for treatment or treatment planning; or  
17            (4) The taking of any impression of the teeth or jaw, or the  
18 relationships of the teeth or jaws, for the purpose of fabricating any  
19 intra-oral restoration, appliance, or prosthesis.

1       Such licensed dental hygienists may perform dental operations and  
2 services only under the supervision of a licensed dentist, and under  
3 such supervision may be employed by hospitals, boards of education of  
4 public or private schools, county boards, boards of health, or public  
5 or charitable institutions, or in dental offices.

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