
HOUSE BILL 1857

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1 AN ACT Relating to dentistry delegation; and amending RCW
2 18.32.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.32.030 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 203 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The following practices, acts, and operations are excepted from the
7 operation of the provisions of this chapter:

8 (1) The rendering of dental relief in emergency cases in the
9 practice of his or her profession by a physician or surgeon, licensed
10 as such and registered under the laws of this state, unless the
11 physician or surgeon undertakes to or does reproduce lost parts of the
12 human teeth in the mouth or to restore or to replace in the human mouth
13 lost or missing teeth;

14 (2) The practice of dentistry in the discharge of official duties
15 by dentists in the United States federal services on federal
16 reservations, including but not limited to the armed services, coast
17 guard, public health service, veterans' bureau, or bureau of Indian
18 affairs;

1 (3) Dental schools or colleges approved under RCW 18.32.040, and
2 the practice of dentistry by students in Washington state dental
3 schools or colleges approved by the commission, when acting under the
4 direction and supervision of Washington state-licensed dental school
5 faculty;

6 (4) The practice of dentistry by licensed dentists of other states
7 or countries while appearing as clinicians at meetings of the
8 Washington state dental association, or component parts thereof, or at
9 meetings sanctioned by them, or other groups approved by the
10 commission;

11 (5) The use of roentgen and other rays for making radiographs or
12 similar records of dental or oral tissues, under the supervision of a
13 licensed dentist or physician;

14 (6) The making, repairing, altering, or supplying of artificial
15 restorations, substitutions, appliances, or materials for the
16 correction of disease, loss, deformity, malposition, dislocation,
17 fracture, injury to the jaws, teeth, lips, gums, cheeks, palate, or
18 associated tissues or parts; providing the same are made, repaired,
19 altered, or supplied pursuant to the written instructions and order of
20 a licensed dentist which may be accompanied by casts, models, or
21 impressions furnished by the dentist, and the prescriptions shall be
22 retained and filed for a period of not less than three years and shall
23 be available to and subject to the examination of the secretary or the
24 secretary's authorized representatives;

25 (7) The removal of deposits and stains from the surfaces of the
26 teeth, the application of topical preventative or prophylactic agents,
27 and the polishing and smoothing of restorations, when performed or
28 prescribed by a dental hygienist licensed under the laws of this state;

29 (8) A qualified and licensed physician and surgeon or osteopathic
30 physician and surgeon extracting teeth or performing oral surgery
31 pursuant to the scope of practice under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW;

32 (9) The performing of dental operations or services by persons not
33 licensed under this chapter when performed under the supervision of a
34 licensed dentist: PROVIDED HOWEVER, That such nonlicensed person shall
35 in no event perform the following dental operations or services unless
36 permitted to be performed by the person under this chapter or chapters
37 18.29, 18.57, 18.71, and 18.79 RCW as it applies to registered nurses
38 and advanced registered nurse practitioners:

1 (a) Any removal of or addition to the hard or soft tissue of the
2 oral cavity, except that a licensed dentist may allow a nonlicensed
3 person, under the dentist's close supervision, to place restorations
4 into the cavity prepared by the dentist, and thereafter to carve,
5 contour, and adjust contacts and occlusion of the restoration, if the
6 nonlicensed person meets the minimum training for such acts as provided
7 by rule by the dental quality assurance commission concerning this
8 subject or, as an alternative to such training, if the nonlicensed
9 person meets the credential criteria required by rule;

10 (b) Any diagnosis of or prescription for treatment of disease,
11 pain, deformity, deficiency, injury, or physical condition of the human
12 teeth or jaws, or adjacent structure;

13 (c) Any administration of general or injected local anaesthetic of
14 any nature in connection with a dental operation, including intravenous
15 sedation;

16 (d) Any oral prophylaxis;

17 (e) The taking of any impressions 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, except that in
20 addition to the authority stated in subsection (6) of this section, a
21 licensed dentist may allow a nonlicensed person to do these acts under
22 the dentist's close supervision if the nonlicensed person meets the
23 minimum training for such acts as required by rules adopted by the
24 dental quality assurance commission concerning this subject or, as an
25 alternative to such training, if the nonlicensed person meets the
26 credential criteria that is adopted by rule.

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