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By Senators Deccio, Thibaudeau and Parlette

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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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