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By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Riccelli, Leavitt, and Morgan)

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1 AN ACT Relating to currently credentialed dental auxiliaries; and
2 amending RCW 18.29.190.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.29.190 and 2019 c 111 s 3 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall issue an initial (~~limited~~) temporary
7 license without the examination required by this chapter to any
8 applicant who, as determined by the secretary:

9 (a) Holds a valid license in another state or Canadian province
10 that allows a substantively equivalent scope of practice in
11 subsection (3)(a) through (j) of this section;

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

16 ~~(e))~~ Files with the secretary documentation certifying that the
17 applicant:

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

20 (ii) Has successfully completed the dental hygiene national board
21 examination; and

1 (iii) Is licensed to practice in another state or Canadian
2 province;

3 (~~(d)~~) (c) Provides information as the secretary deems necessary
4 pertaining to the conditions and criteria of the uniform disciplinary
5 act, chapter 18.130 RCW;

6 (~~(e)~~) (d) Demonstrates to the secretary a knowledge of
7 Washington state law pertaining to the practice of dental hygiene,
8 including the administration of legend drugs; and

9 (~~(f)~~) (e) Pays any required fees (~~;~~ ~~and~~
10 ~~(g) Meets requirements for AIDS education~~)).

11 (2) The term of the initial (~~(limited)~~) temporary license issued
12 under this section is (~~(eighteen months)~~) three years and it is
13 renewable upon:

14 (a) Demonstration of successful passage of a substantively
15 equivalent dental hygiene patient evaluation/prophylaxis examination;

16 (b) Demonstration of successful passage of a substantively
17 equivalent local anesthesia examination;

18 (c) Demonstration of didactic and clinical competency in the
19 administration of nitrous oxide analgesia; and

20 (d) Demonstration of successful passage of an educational program
21 on the administration of local anesthesia and nitrous oxide
22 analgesia.

23 (3) A person practicing with an initial (~~(limited)~~) temporary
24 license granted under this section has the authority to perform
25 hygiene procedures that are limited to:

26 (a) Oral inspection and measuring of periodontal pockets;

27 (b) Patient education in oral hygiene;

28 (c) Taking intra-oral and extra-oral radiographs;

29 (d) Applying topical preventive or prophylactic agents;

30 (e) Polishing and smoothing restorations;

31 (f) Oral prophylaxis and removal of deposits and stains from the
32 surface of the teeth;

33 (g) Recording health histories;

34 (h) Taking and recording blood pressure and vital signs;

35 (i) Performing subgingival and supragingival scaling; and

36 (j) Performing root planing.

37 (4) (a) A person practicing with an initial (~~(limited)~~) temporary
38 license granted under this section may not perform the following
39 dental hygiene procedures unless authorized in (b) or (c) of this
40 subsection:

1 (i) Give injections of local anesthetic;
2 (ii) Place restorations into the cavity prepared by a licensed
3 dentist and afterwards carve, contour, and adjust contacts and
4 occlusion of the restoration;
5 (iii) Soft tissue curettage; or
6 (iv) Administer nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia.

7 (b) A person licensed in another state or Canadian province who
8 can demonstrate substantively equivalent licensing standards in the
9 administration of local anesthetic may receive a temporary
10 endorsement to administer local anesthesia. For purposes of the
11 renewed (~~limited~~) temporary license, this endorsement demonstrates
12 the successful passage of the local anesthesia examination.

13 (c) A person licensed in another state or Canadian province who
14 can demonstrate substantively equivalent licensing standards in
15 restorative procedures may receive a temporary endorsement for
16 restorative procedures.

17 (d) A person licensed in another state or Canadian province who
18 can demonstrate substantively equivalent licensing standards in
19 administering nitrous oxide analgesia may receive a temporary
20 endorsement to administer nitrous oxide analgesia.

21 (5) (a) A person practicing with a renewed (~~limited~~) temporary
22 license granted under this section may:

23 (i) Perform hygiene procedures as provided under subsection (3)
24 of this section;
25 (ii) Give injections of local anesthetic;
26 (iii) Perform soft tissue curettage; and
27 (iv) Administer nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia.

28 (b) A person practicing with a renewed (~~limited~~) temporary
29 license granted under this section may not place restorations into
30 the cavity prepared by a licensed dentist and afterwards carve,
31 contour, and adjust contacts and occlusion of the restoration.

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