

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 190(HSS)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/17/20

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATOR WILSON

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the practice of dentistry; and providing for an effective date."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 08.36 is amended by adding new sections to read:

4 **Sec. 08.36.242. License to practice as specialist required.** A licensed dentist
5 may not represent to the public to be qualified in a specialized branch of dentistry
6 through any means of public advertising using the term "specialist," the name of a
7 specialty, or a phrase that would suggest to the public that the dentist is a qualified
8 specialist in a branch of dentistry unless the dentist has a specialist license in that
9 branch as provided in this chapter.

10 **Sec. 08.36.243. Qualification for specialist license; scope of practice.** (a) An
11 applicant for a specialist license must

12 (1) hold a license issued by the board in accordance with AS 08.36.110
13 or 08.36.234; and

14 (2) meet additional qualifications for a specialist license in a specified
15 branch of dentistry as established by the board by regulation.

1 (b) In determining the qualifications for a specialist license in a specified
2 branch of dentistry under (a) of this section, the board shall consider the qualifications
3 necessary to obtain specialty certification by a nationally recognized certifying entity
4 approved by the board.

5 (c) The practice of a dentist who obtains a specialist license under (a) of this
6 section is limited to the branch of dentistry in which the dentist holds a specialist
7 license.

8 **Sec. 08.36.245. Suspension or revocation of specialist license.** The board
9 may suspend or revoke a specialist license on grounds and according to the procedures
10 set out in AS 08.36.315.

11 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect March 1, 2021.