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**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1466**

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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)~~) five 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.  
32 (6) The secretary shall issue an initial temporary license to all  
33 dental hygienists with an active limited license as of the effective  
34 date of this section. The initial temporary license expires five  
35 years after the date the initial limited license was issued.

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