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By Senators Rivers, Cleveland, Bailey, and Keiser

1 AN ACT Relating to dental practice and solicitation by  
2 corporations; and amending RCW 18.32.675.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.32.675 and 2003 c 53 s 124 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) No corporation shall practice dentistry or shall solicit  
7 through itself, or its agent, officers, employees, directors or  
8 trustees, dental patronage for any dentists or dental surgeon  
9 employed by any corporation: PROVIDED, That nothing contained in this  
10 chapter shall prohibit a corporation from employing a dentist or  
11 dentists to render dental services to its employees: PROVIDED,  
12 FURTHER, That such dental services shall be rendered at no cost or  
13 charge to the employees; nor shall it apply to corporations or  
14 associations in which the dental services were originated and are  
15 being conducted upon a purely charitable basis for the worthy poor(  
16 ~~nor shall it apply to corporations or associations furnishing~~  
17 ~~information or clerical services which can be furnished by persons~~  
18 ~~not licensed to practice dentistry, to any person lawfully engaged in~~  
19 ~~the practice of dentistry, when such dentist assumes full~~  
20 ~~responsibility for such information and services)).~~

1       (2) Nothing in this chapter precludes a person or entity not  
2 licensed by the commission from:

3       (a) Ownership or leasehold of any assets used by a dental  
4 practice, including real property, furnishings, equipment,  
5 instruments, materials, supplies, and inventory, excluding dental  
6 records of patients;

7       (b) Employing or contracting for the services of personnel other  
8 than licensed dentists, licensed dental hygienists, licensed expanded  
9 function dental auxiliaries, certified dental anesthesia assistants,  
10 and registered dental assistants;

11       (c) Providing business support and management services to a  
12 dental practice, including as a sole provider of such services; and

13       (d) Receiving fees for the services in (a) through (c) of this  
14 subsection provided to a dental practice calculated as agreed to by  
15 the dental practice owner or owners.

16       (3) Any corporation violating this section is guilty of a gross  
17 misdemeanor, and each day that this chapter is violated shall be  
18 considered a separate offense.

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