



American Dental Political Action Committee

Dentists of Alaska Political Action Committee

SB92

An Act relating to dental hygienists, dentists, dental assistants, dental hygiene and dentistry

SB92, a Senate L&C bill, is a long overdue rewrite of the Dental Practice Act. It has been 25 years since the Practice Act had a complete revision and although it has been modified many times during the years much of the language and phrasing has become antiquated. In 2010 the Alaska Dental Society, along with the Alaska Dental State Hygiene association and the Board of Dental Examiners, formed a work group to review the Act in its entirety. SB92 is the product of that work group, along with input from ANTHC, the Division of Occupational Licensing and the Attorney General's office.

During the 1st session, SB92 went through various Senate Committees before passing the Senate 20-0. This year the bill starts in House L&C on its way through the House.

SB92 is a lengthy bill, 21 pages in its current version, but makes few substantial changes. Two changes of note: the Board would now have a fulltime investigator instead of a part time one with the additional cost borne by the license holders and the definition of ownership of a dental practice is expanded allowing nonprofit entities and surviving spouses of dentists to own dental practices.

Given the volume of the remaining changes rather than detail the changes here I would be happy to discuss the changes with yourself or staff. I can be reached at drdave@acsalaska.net or 723-2884.