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SB 59 EXTEND BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS Sponsor Statement

Alaska statutes provide for the regulation and licensing of specific professional occupations through boards representing both practitioners and members of the public. These boards protect the public by playing a crucial role in the establishment of criteria which a person must meet to be judged adequately trained and competent to enter the profession in Alaska and by policing the actions of license holders.

Past legislative practice has been to periodically review the authorization of occupational licensing boards. Hence, the 21 such boards in statute are subject to sunset clauses. The Board of Dental Examiners is one of three sunseting in 2011. Senate Bill 59 provides for a five year renewal of the Board by extending its statutory authority until June 30, 2016.

The Board of Dental Examiners plays an important role in public health and safety and should be reauthorized.