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Senate Labor and Commerce Committee

CSSB 92 (L&C) DENTISTS/DENTAL HYGIENISTS/ASSISTANTS

Changes from the Original Bill

Sec. 1. No change.

Sec. 2. Clarifies that the educational program requirement for a license be at least two years and accredited at the time of graduation.

Sec. 3. Re-establishes that fees will be set by the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (maintains the status quo).

Sec. 4. No change.

Sec. 5. Expands the means by which the department must notify a license holder that the license will soon expire. The original bill required mailing; the CS does not specify a method, thereby allowing electronic communications.

Sec. 6. No change.

Sec. 7 and 8. Clarify that an accredited program is what is meant, not a school; programs are accredited, not schools.

Sec. 9. Clarifies that (a)(1)(A) refers to a treatment plan for dental hygiene.

Sec. 10. Adds the word “comprehensive” to the term treatment plan to conform to standard usage within the profession.

Sec. 11. No change.

Sec. 12. Clarifies that (a)(6) refers to a treatment plan for dental hygiene.

Sec. 13 – 15. No change.

Sec. 16. Adds language intended to except dental hygienists working for Alaska Native organizations. NOTE: *This language overlooks current practice in rural areas where such clinics serve people who are not Alaska Natives. The Senate L&C Committee proposes an amendment that will clarify that current practice would be allowed under the bill.*

Sec. 17 – 19. No change.

Sec. 20. A new section specifying that the president of the board must be either a licensed dentist or dental hygienist.

Sec. 21 – 33 (old 20 – 32). No change.

Sec. 34 (old 33). Clarifies that an accredited program is what is meant, not a school; programs are accredited, not schools.

Sec. 35 (old 34). Removes the requirement that a student dental assistant be enrolled in an accredited program.

Sec. 36 (old 35). Extends the time certain persons may retain ownership interest in a clinic or dental office after the death of a previous owner.

Sec. 37 – 39 (old 36 – 38). No change.