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House Bill 45, "Extend Board of Dental Examiners"

House Bill 45 extends the termination date for the Board of Dental Examiners until June 30th, 2027. The Board of Dental Examiners is composed of nine members: six dentists, two dental hygienists, and one public member.

Legislative Audit conducted their review of this board and determined that “the audit concludes that the board operated in the public’s interest by effectively licensing and regulating dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants. The board monitored licensees and worked to ensure only qualified individuals practiced in Alaska. Furthermore, the board was active in amending regulations to improve the industry. In accordance with AS 08.03.010(c)(7), the board is scheduled to terminate on June 30, 2019. We recommend that the legislature extend the board’s termination date eight years to June 30, 2027.”

The Board of Dental Examiners serves an important role in adopting regulations to carry out the laws governing the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene in Alaska, and the continuation of this board will ensure that high standards of dental care are offered throughout the state.