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Dr. Evan Young  
Alaska Dental Society, President  
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Dear Dr. Young,

When a dental licensee becomes incapacitated due to an accident, health related issue or other circumstance; they may require immediate assistance to cover a patient base that in the board's estimation cannot be covered by another existing licensee due to geographic isolation, lack of available specialists or other reasons. Therefore, the Alaska State Board of Dental Examiners would like to fully support the Alaska Dental Society in its efforts to introduce legislation that will put into statute a provision that allows for issuance of an emergency temporary dental license in certain cases the Board deems appropriate.

Thank you for consideration,

  
Dr. Paul Silveira  
President, Alaska State Board of Dental Examiners