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Senate Bill 25

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Dental Examiners; and providing for an effective date."

Senate Bill 25 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. The continuation of this board plays an important role in ensuring high standards of dental care are offered throughout the state.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation.