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Senate Bill 173

“An act relating to the practice of dentistry; relating to dental radiological equipment; and providing for an effective date.”

Version I

Sectional Analysis

Section 1: Conforming language in AS 08.01.065(c).

Section 2: Adds a new section (k) to AS 08.01.065 (Title 8. Business and Professions, Chapter 1. Centralized Licensing, Section 065. Establishment of fees)

Requires the Board of Dental Examiners to establish and collect fees on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Services for the inspection of dental radiological equipment.

Section 3: Adds new sections to AS 08.36 (Title 8. Business and Professions, Chapter 36. Dentistry)

AS 08.36.242. License to practice as a specialist required.

Establishes that a dentist may not advertise using the term “specialist,” the name of a specialty, or other phrases that suggest they are a specialist unless they have a specialist license as established.

AS 08.36.243. Qualification for specialist; scope of practice.

(a) Establishes that in order to qualify for a specialist licenses a person must

(1) Hold a dental license issued by the board and

(2) Meet the qualifications of a specialist as established by the board in regulation.

(b) In creating the qualifications for a specialist license, the board shall consider the standards of a nationally recognized certifying entity approved by the board.

(c) Establishes that a dental specialist can only claim to be a specialist in the specialty they hold a license in.

Sec. 08.36.245. Suspension or revocation of specialist license.

Establishes that a board may suspend or revoke a specialist license as set by AS 08.36.315.

Section 4: Adds a new section (d) to AS 44.29.020 (Title 44. State Government, Chapter 29. Department of Health and Human Services, Section 020. Duties of the Department)

Requires DHSS to establish standards of registration, use, record keeping, and inspection of dental radiological equipment in compliance with federal law.

Section 5: Conforming language in AS 44.46.029

Section 6: Conforming language in AS 46.03.022

Section 7: Repeals:

AS 08.36.075: Section of law requiring the Board of Dental Examiners to set standards for inspection of dental radiological equipment. Placed under DHSS by section 4.

AS 18.05.065, AS 18.60.525(e), and AS 44.29.027: Sections of law prohibiting DHSS from regulating dental radiological equipment.

Section 8: Allows the Board of Dental Examiners, the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, and the Department of Health and Social Services to adopt regulations in line with this act.

Section 9: Allows the departments and board to immediately begin setting regulations.

Section 10: Set a delayed effective date for the rest of the act to July 1, 2023.