

HOUSE BILL NO. 387

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE THERRIAULT

Introduced: 2/6/98

Referred: Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to dentists."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 *** Section 1.** AS 08.36.070(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) The board shall

5 (1) provide for the examination of applicants and issue licenses to those
6 applicants it finds qualified;

7 (2) register licensed dentists and licensed dental hygienists who are in
8 good standing;

9 (3) report annually to the governor and the department on the board's
10 proceedings during the year, findings concerning the standards and availability of
11 dental services in the state including the number of licensees, examination, and
12 licensing activities, other matters related to dental practice, and board receipts and
13 expenditures;

14 (4) affiliate with the American Association of Dental Examiners [,] and
15 pay annual dues to the association;

1 (5) hold hearings [,] and order the disciplinary sanction of a person who
2 violates this chapter, AS 08.32, or a regulation of the board;

3 (6) supply forms for applications, licenses, permits, certificates, and
4 other papers and records;

5 (7) enforce the provisions of this chapter and AS 08.32 and adopt or
6 amend the regulations necessary to make the provisions of this chapter and AS 08.32
7 effective;

8 (8) adopt regulations ensuring that renewal of registration is contingent
9 upon proof of continued professional competence by a licensed dentist or licensed
10 dental hygienist;

11 (9) provide the department with the requirements for proof of continued
12 professional competence and request the department to make these requirements
13 available to each licensed dentist and licensed dental hygienist at least one year before
14 the date on which the dentist or dental hygienist must renew registration;

15 (10) at least annually cause to be published in a newspaper of general
16 circulation in each major city in the state a summary of disciplinary actions the board
17 has taken during the preceding calendar year;

18 (11) issue permits or certificates to licensed dentists, licensed dental
19 hygienists, and dental assistants who meet standards determined by the board for
20 specific procedures that require specific education and training;

21 (12) regulate the reentry into practice of inactive dentists and dental
22 hygienists;

23 (13) require, as a condition of a license or license renewal issued by
24 the board, that an applicant or licensee has, at the time of licensing or renewal and
25 maintains throughout the period of a license, current certification in cardiopulmonary
26 resuscitation techniques, **except that the board may waive this requirement under**
27 **an agreement with the applicant or licensee if the agreement specifies that the**
28 **applicant or licensee will ensure that another person who is certified in**
29 **cardiopulmonary resuscitation techniques will be in the same room as the**
30 **applicant or licensee whenever the applicant or licensee is practicing dentistry on**
31 **a living patient who is also present; the board may include in the agreement an**

1 expiration date or provide that the agreement remains in effect until reviewed by
2 the board.