

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 160(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

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Referred: HESS, Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATOR TAYLOR BY REQUEST

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to radiological equipment used in the practice of dentistry."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 08.36 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 08.36.075. Dental radiological equipment.** (a) Subject to (b) of this
5 section, the board shall establish standards for the registration and inspection of dental
6 radiological equipment, including standards for record keeping relating to the control
7 panels and the use of the equipment. The inspection standards adopted by the board
8 must require that an inspection be performed by a person who has

9 (1) a degree in medical electronics that is based on a four-year
10 program;

11 (2) a certificate based on a two-year program in medical electronics and
12 two years of apprentice experience in installing and calibrating dental radiological
13 equipment; or

14 (3) four years of apprentice experience in installing and calibrating
15 dental radiological equipment and a certificate demonstrating completion of an

1 applicable training program sponsored by a manufacturer of dental radiological
2 equipment.

3 (b) The board may not adopt a standard under this section that is more
4 stringent than a standard applicable under federal law or regulations or that is more
5 strict than a manufacturer's standard that is applicable to the same aspect of the dental
6 radiological equipment except that, if a federal standard is different from the
7 manufacturer's standard on the same subject, the board shall adopt the stricter of the
8 two standards unless adoption of the other standard would not present a risk of harm
9 to the public or to the operator of the equipment.

10 (c) A dentist may not use, or allow a person under the dentist's supervision to
11 use, dental radiological equipment in this state unless the owner or lessee of the
12 equipment has registered the equipment's control panel with the board and the control
13 panel displays a seal indicating that it has been registered. The board may charge the
14 owner or lessee of the dental radiological equipment a fee for the registration of each
15 control panel registered under this subsection. For each registered control panel, the
16 board shall issue to the owner or lessee a registration seal that indicates that the
17 registration requirement has been met.

18 (d) The board shall require that inspection of dental radiological equipment
19 occur once within every five calendar years and require that records concerning the
20 inspection be provided to the board by the owner or lessee of the equipment and kept
21 on file where the equipment is located. The board shall, upon application by the
22 owner or lessee of the dental radiological equipment, submission of evidence
23 documenting compliance with the inspection standards of the board, and payment of
24 a fee set by the board, issue to the owner or lessee an inspection seal indicating the
25 date by which the dental radiological equipment must pass inspection again. The date
26 on the inspection seal shall be December 31 of the fourth calendar year that occurs
27 after the calendar year in which the inspection occurred. A dentist may not use, or
28 allow a person under the dentist's supervision to use, dental radiological equipment in
29 this state after the date on the most recent inspection seal.

30 (e) Fees charged under this section may not be higher than the amount
31 necessary to cover the board's cost of registering a control panel or approving the

1 inspection of dental radiological equipment, as appropriate, plus the cost of issuing the
2 applicable seals.

3 (f) Notwithstanding AS 08.01.075 and AS 08.36.315, the only penalty
4 applicable to a licensee for violating this section is the imposition by the board in a
5 disciplinary action of a civil fine not to exceed \$5,000 for each violation.

6 (g) In this section, "dental radiological equipment" means equipment for use
7 in the practice of dentistry, consisting of a control panel and associated tube heads, if
8 the equipment emits electronic product radiation, as defined in AS 18.60.545, or uses
9 radionuclides, as defined in AS 18.60.545.

10 * **Sec. 2.** AS 18.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 **Sec. 18.05.065. Dental radiological equipment.** This chapter does not
12 authorize the department to register, inspect, test, or otherwise regulate dental
13 radiological equipment or records relating to dental radiological equipment regulated
14 by the Board of Dental Examiners under AS 08.36.075.

15 * **Sec. 3.** AS 18.60.525 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

16 (e) AS 18.60.475 - 18.60.545 do not authorize the department to register,
17 inspect, test, or otherwise regulate dental radiological equipment or records relating to
18 dental radiological equipment regulated by the Board of Dental Examiners under
19 AS 08.36.075.

20 * **Sec. 4.** AS 44.29 is amended by adding a new section to read:

21 **Sec. 44.29.027. Dental radiological equipment.** This chapter does not
22 authorize the department to register, inspect, test, or otherwise regulate dental
23 radiological equipment or records relating to dental radiological equipment regulated
24 by the Board of Dental Examiners under AS 08.36.075.

25 * **Sec. 5.** AS 44.46 is amended by adding a new section to read:

26 **Sec. 44.46.029. Dental radiological equipment.** This chapter does not
27 authorize the department to register, inspect, test, or otherwise regulate dental
28 radiological equipment or records relating to dental radiological equipment regulated
29 by the Board of Dental Examiners under AS 08.36.075.

30 * **Sec. 6.** AS 46.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

31 **Sec. 46.03.022. Dental radiological equipment.** This title does not authorize

1 the department to register, inspect, test, or otherwise regulate dental radiological
2 equipment or records relating to dental radiological equipment regulated by the Board
3 of Dental Examiners under AS 08.36.075.

4 * **Sec. 7. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS.** (a) All litigation, hearings, investigations, and
5 other proceedings pending under a law amended by this Act, or in connection with functions
6 transferred by this Act, continue in effect and may be continued and completed
7 notwithstanding a transfer or amendment provided for in this Act. Certificates, orders, and
8 regulations issued or adopted under authority of a law amended by this Act remain in effect
9 for the term issued or until revoked, vacated, or otherwise modified under the provisions of
10 this Act. All contracts, rights, liabilities, and obligations created by or under a law amended
11 by this Act, and in effect on the day before the effective date of this Act, remain in effect
12 notwithstanding this Act's taking effect. Records of agencies of the state whose functions are
13 transferred under this Act shall be transferred commensurate with the provisions of this Act.

14 (b) Notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, the Department of Health and Social
15 Services and the Department of Environmental Conservation may continue to regulate dental
16 radiological equipment and record keeping relating to dental radiological equipment, as
17 defined in AS 08.36.075, added by sec. 1 of this Act, to the same extent that the respective
18 departments were authorized to regulate dental radiological equipment and records on the day
19 before the effective date of this Act until the effective date of regulations adopted by the
20 Board of Dental Examiners to implement AS 08.36.075, added by sec. 1 of this Act.