

HB

319

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To Whom It May Concern:

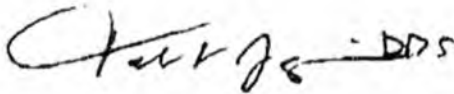
I am not for this proposition # HB319.

Dentistry is a profession not a tooth mechanic—filling placement and polishing teeth.

I do believe that having assistants who perform these tasks will be making assisting two class society- the ones who are qualified and those who are not and pay will be expected to follow.

If this were to pass there should be education and boards to pass before performance is allowed.

Thank you for your attention.



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To: Rep Peggy Wilson

2/12/08

Re: HB 319

Dear Rep Wilson,

HB 319 IS A bill primarily to INCREASE
ACCESS TO DENTISTRY FOR ALASKA'S
RURAL AREAS. Requiring NATIONAL CERTIFICATION
IS AN UNNECESSARY LAYER OF EDUCATION AND
EXAMS THAT WILL DO NOTHING TO MAKE
PATIENTS TX OR SAFETY BETTER.

ACCESS WILL AGAIN BE LIMITED AND COSTS
INCREASED.

PLEASE PASS HB 319 OUT OF HESS

SINCERELY

Dan O. Pitts



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Dental Assistants' Expanded Duties

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Layperson's Guide to Dental Offices

Dental offices generally have 4 job classifications as employees with different levels of education and training. Three of the classifications involve working on patients, the remaining classification, front office staff, is limited to clerical tasks and will not be covered.

Dentists: 4 years of dental school and generally 4 years of college. Specialists have 2-4 years of additional school beyond dental school. Dentists supervise other dental care providers and are authorized to perform all dental procedures.

Dental Hygienists: 2 years of dental hygiene school and generally have 2 years of college. Hygienists work with dentists but generally do not work on patients at the same time with dentists. Hygienists may work on patients without a dentist present if the dentist has seen the patient beforehand. Hygienists are allowed to:

1. Clean teeth including deep cleaning
2. Apply sealants and fluoride
3. Apply therapeutic agents for gum disease
4. Administer anesthetic, if they have passed a test and if a dentist present on the premises
5. Perform any function a dental assistant can perform

HB136/SB239 would allow hygienists to:

1. Administer anesthetic without a dentist present
2. Work on patients independently of a dentist
3. Place fillings into cavities prepared by a dentist (restorative function) after training and passing a test

Dental Assistants: May attend formal education of 12-18 months or may be trained in dental offices. No educational prerequisites. Dental assistants work directly with dentists and are not allowed to see patients without a dentist present. Assistants are allowed to:

1. Apply sealants and fluoride
2. Clean teeth before applying sealants or fluoride but can not be considered a cleaning
3. Place rubber dams
4. Take impressions (molds)
5. Make temporary crowns
6. Place and remove orthodontic brackets

HB319/SB239 would allow assistants to:

1. Place fillings into cavities prepared by a dentist (restorative function) after training and passing a test. (same test and training as hygienists)
2. Clean teeth without tartar. Assistants can currently clean teeth before applying sealants or fluoride but it is not considered a "cleaning".



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Two Dental Bills

There are currently two dental bills before the legislature. A quick recount of the bills and the differences between them.

HB136/SB98 Introduced last year, HB136 cleared the House and Senate HESS and L&C. Currently in Senate Finance. HB136 is sponsored by Rep. Stoltze and cosponsored by Rep. Gardner and Rep. Foster. SB98 was sponsored by Sen. Davis.

HB136 applies to dental hygienists.

1. Would allow dental hygienists to place fillings into teeth prepared by a dentist
2. Would allow hygienists to administer local anesthetic without a dentist present (currently a dentist must be in the building)
3. Would allow dental hygienists to work independently of dentists under a collaborative agreement.

HB319/SB239. Introduced this year, HB319 is sponsored by Rep. Ramrus and cosponsored by Rep. Thomas and Salmon. SB239 is sponsored by Sen. Thomas.

HB319/SB239 applies to dental assistants.

1. Would allow dental assistants to place fillings into teeth prepared by a dentist (same education and testing standards as for hygienists in HB136)
2. Would allow dental assistants to perform coronal polishing (cleaning teeth with a rubber cup) as a cleaning service (currently can only do so before applying sealants or fluoride)

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1 February 2008

Chairman Wilson & Honorable Members:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Alaska Dental Outreach Corporation (ADOC), I urge you to support the passage of House Bill 319 & Senate Bill -239 concerning the expansion of duties for certified dental assistants.

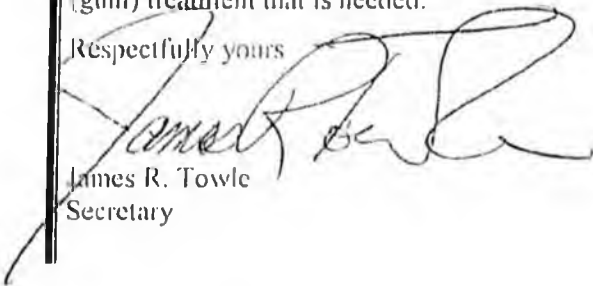
These bills would allow greater access to care in rural areas and increase the ability of dentists to deliver care under the Medicaid and Denali Kid Care system.

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The adoption of HB-319/SB-239 will ensure that ADOC's volunteer dentists are able to use the expanded duty for dental assistants to significantly increase the amount of care they are able to provide compared to than would be possible under the exist statutes. Certified dental assistants placing fillings after the dentists have prepared teeth will allow our dental teams to work efficiently. One dentist working in concert with several assistants will be able to provide care to 50-75% more patients than a dentist who is not allowed to delegate the "restorative services" authorized by these bills.

Allowing certified dental assistants to perform coronal polishing is also crucial to the efficient delivery of care. Unless ADOC is able to recruit hygienists willing to accompany our volunteer dentists and provide their services without compensation or remuneration, it will be cost prohibitive for ADOC to provide basic dental hygiene services. This will severely hinder ADOC's ability to provide this most basic of preventive services. Our dentists, due to the more pressing need to restore decayed teeth, will be unable to provide little more than a minimal number of the cleanings needed in the communities we will serve. However, with the adoption of these bills, dental assistants can provide coronal polishing, under the supervision of a dentist, who after removing any calculus (tartar) and treating any sub-gingival (below the gum line) treatment deemed appropriate, can focus on providing restorative and periodontal (gum) treatment that is needed.

Respectfully yours


James R. Towle
Secretary

-----Original Message-----

From: Thomas Jacobsen [mailto:gbheron@jci.net]

Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2008 6:28 PM

To: Rep. Peggy Wilson

Subject: HB 319

Representative Wilson, I am contacting you to urge your support for the Expanded Duty for Dental Assistants bill. I am a dentist in private practice here in Sitka, and I can assure you that passage of this bill would increase access to care for rural, Medicaid and Denali Kid Care patients. As you know, these assistants would have to be certified and would be working under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, thereby assuring quality of care. Thank you in advance for your support.

Thomas E Jacobsen DDS

-----Original Message-----

From: Thomas Hipsher [mailto:tgh@gci.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2008 1:03 AM
To: Rep. Peggy Wilson
Subject: House HESS to Act on Dental Assisting Bill

Representative Wilson:

HB-319, the bill for Expanded Duty for Dental Assistants, will be heard before the HESS committee on Thursday, February 7th. Please vote to pass HB-319 out of the HESS committee with a favorable recommendation.

HB-319 will increase access to care in rural areas and increase access for children under the Medicaid and Denali Kid Care systems.

HB-319 will allow certified dental assistants to place fillings after the dentists have prepared teeth, known as the restorative function. The restorative function will allow itinerant dental teams to work more efficiently which is extremely important in rural areas to deliver additional services.

HB-319 will allow dental assistants to perform coronal polishing. Coronal polishing is the last step in cleaning, the toothpaste that is used on a rubber cup on teeth. Dental assistants who have been certified in coronal polishing will be able to see children without tarter and perform a cleaning allowing dental offices to offer this service under the fee structure of the Medicaid and Denali Kid Care systems.

Both of these functions will require certification for dental assistants to be able to perform, insuring safety for the public and both functions will be performed under the direct supervision of a dentist meaning the patient will be examined before the procedure and evaluated after the procedure.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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February 5, 2008

Representative Jay Ramras
Alaska State House
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Ramrus:

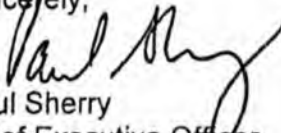
According to the U.S. Surgeon General, periodontal disease in American Indian and Alaska Native adults is 2.5 times greater than in the general U.S. population. Data from Alaska shows that 92 percent of Alaska Native adolescents have signs of early periodontal disease. In the last decade, research has demonstrated the association of periodontal disease in pregnant women with premature birth and studies are underway now to test interventions. Infant mortality is a problem in Alaska and oral health problems can only contribute to this unnecessary loss.

Virtually without exception, the studies of dental therapists in other countries and even expanded duty personnel in the U.S. show that these highly competent technicians perform fillings at the same level as their dentist supervisors. A study in Michigan showed that expanded duty personnel had one-third as many failures of dental sealants over 10 years as dentists with an overall retention rate similar to published studies. A study in Canada showed that 79 percent of pit and fissure sealants applied by dental therapists were retained for at least three years and 46 percent less caries in these teeth. Similarly studies in the U.S. showed good agreement between trained dental extenders and dentists in dental caries screening.

In the United States, dentistry is an aging profession. Of the nation's roughly 162,000 practicing dentists, 22.5 percent were ages 55-64, and 10 percent were age 65 and older in 2005. A large portion of this group is expected to retire over the next five to ten years, leaving an even greater need for other dental disciplines to be fully trained and ready to move into the workforce. The national shortage of dentists means even greater hardships for the Alaska Native people living in rural Alaska.

Given the high number of oral health disparities faced by our people, the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium supports the expanded function practices of Dental Hygienists and Dental Health Aide Therapists across Alaska and the United States.

Sincerely,


Paul Sherry
Chief Executive Officer

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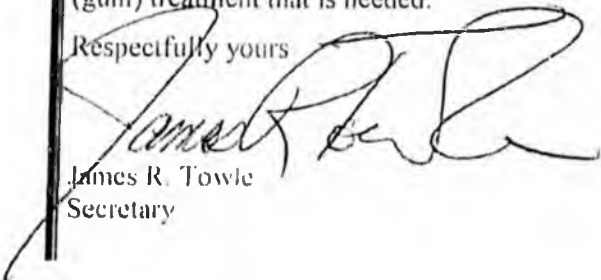
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The Honorable Jay Ramras
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Dear Representative Ramras,

The Alaska Dental Society welcomes you back, for what we hope will be a productive and rewarding 2008 session of the Alaska Legislature.

This session the Alaska Dental Society (ADS) is backing legislation sponsored by Sen. Joe Thomas and Rep. Jay Ramras. These bills are one of several steps the is undertaking to increase access to dental care to rural and other Alaskans in need. A packet enclosed provides information on the Expanded Duty for Dental Assistants Bills, HB-319 and SB-239, as well as other components of a strategic plan for dealing with the shortage of dental care in Alaska.

Given the short 90 day session in 2008 we hope you will give HB-319 and SB-239 your support and urge you fellow lawmakers to take prompt attention before preparation of the FY2009 budget takes center stage.

Enclosed are complementary toothbrushes, floss for you and your staff.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Logan".

David Logan, DDS, Chairman
Legislative Committee



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Long Term Strategic Plan for Providing Care for the Underserved in Alaska

The majority of Alaskans enjoy access to excellent and affordable dental care – some of the best in the world. A segment of the Alaska's population does not have ready access to basic dental care and struggles to pay for the treatment they need; particularly if they have delayed seeking care and their condition has gotten worse and more difficult and costly to treat.

The Alaska Dental Society has developed a long term strategic plan which will increase access to care for those Alaskans most in need and with the greatest challenges to getting regular care and treatment. It will require cooperation between the Alaska Dental and the Alaska Dental Board, the Legislature, as well as the other state and federal agencies responsible for dental and health care.

The Alaska Dental Society recommends the following steps to increase access to dental care:

1. Legislation to expand the duties that can be assigned to auxiliary dental personnel. Increasing the tasks performed by hygienists and assistants will increase efficiency while lowering costs.
2. Implement a 10% tax at the wholesale level on soda pop, soft drinks that contain significant percentages of sugar and candy products. Proceeds of the tax would be directed to the general fund and used to offset key programs to improve and increase access to dental care.
3. Implementation of a state grant program for delivery of preventive care in underserved areas.
4. Institute a loan program to encourage health care providers to deliver care in underserved areas.
5. Modifications to the Medicaid system by the Department of Health and Social Services that will encourage rather than discourage dentists to participate.
6. Incentives from the state to encourage communities to fluoridate community water systems and development of a state program to provide fluoride supplementation in communities without fluoridated water.

More detailed information on the above listed programs can be found in the accompanying material.

EXPANDED FUNCTIONS FOR DENTAL ASSISTANTS

STATE	RESTORATIVE FUNCTION	CORONAL POLISHING
ARIZONA		COURSE AND EXAM
ARKANSAS		COURSE AND EXAM
CALIFORNIA	COURSE AND EXAM	COURSE AND EXAM, OR MAY BE TRAINED BY DENTIST
COLORADO		NO EXAM REQUIRED
FLORIDA		COURSE AND EXAM
GEORGIA		NO EXAM REQUIRED
IDAHO		BOARD CERTIFICATION
ILLINOIS		COURSE AND EXAM
KANSAS		NO EXAM REQUIRED
MAINE	BOARD CERTIFICATION	NO EXAM REQUIRED
MASSACHUSETTS		COURSE AND EXAM
MICHIGAN		COURSE AND EXAM
MINNESOTA		COURSE AND EXAM
MISSOURI	COURSE AND EXAM	COURSE AND EXAM
MONTANA	COURSE AND EXAM	COURSE AND EXAM
NEBRASKA		COURSE AND EXAM
NEVADA		NO EXAM REQUIRED
NEW JERSEY		COURSE AND EXAM
NEW MEXICO		COURSE AND EXAM
NEW YORK	COURSE AND EXAM	COURSE AND EXAM
NORTH CAROLINA		COURSE AND EXAM
NORTH DAKOTA		COURSE AND EXAM
OHIO	BOARD CERTIFICATION	BOARD CERTIFICATION
OKLAHOMA		COURSE AND EXAM
OREGON		COURSE AND EXAM
PENNSYLVANIA	COURSE AND EXAM	COURSE AND EXAM
RHODE ISLAND		COURSE AND EXAM
SOUTH CAROLINA		COURSE AND EXAM
SOUTH DAKOTA		COURSE AND EXAM
TENNESSEE	BOARD CERTIFICATION	COURSE AND EXAM
UTAH		NO EXAM REQUIRED
VERMONT	BOARD CERTIFICATION	BOARD CERTIFICATION
WASHINGTON	BOARD CERTIFICATION (2008)	NO EXAM REQUIRED
WEST VIRGINIA		COURSE AND EXAM
WISCONSIN		NO EXAM REQUIRED
WYOMING		NO EXAM REQUIRED

-----Original Message-----

From: Phyllis Pendergrast [mailto:soviev@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2008 9:48 PM
To: Rep. Peggy Wilson
Subject: *****SPAM***** HB-319 Expanded Duty Dental Assistants

Dear Chairman Wilson,

For the past 32 years I have been involved with dentistry and dental education. One of my main areas of focus has been that of "Access". In both Washington State and Alaska I have worked to help develop and support programs to reduce the cost of dental care and increase the access for services.

I ask that you support this bill as it will directly address and help resolve the challenge of access for all the people of Alaska.

Respectfully,

Charles W. Lemke CDT
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Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2008 4:10 PM
To: Rep. Peggy Wilson
Subject: *****SPAM***** HB-319 Expanded Duty Dental Assistants

Dear Chairman Wilson,

Thank you for hearing HB-319 this session.

I have been practicing dentistry in Alaska for over 30 years. I was the Interior Dental Director for the Public Health Service. I practiced for 7 years in bush Alaska. I have been president of local dental society in Fairbanks. I have been president of the Alaska Dental Society. I have been president of the Alaska State Dental Board. I have been president of the WREB (Western Regional Examining Board). I sit on the Advisory Board for the dental assisting and dental hygiene programs at UAF and I continue in full time private practice while acting as a Chief Floor Examiner for the WREB.

I can assure you that passing this bill dramatically address the challenge of access of quality dental care in Alaska.

You have the opportunity to correct the problem of quality, affordable access to dental care and the time is now. I would be available for testimony as requested.

Respectfully,

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From: Sun & Nick LaJiness [mailto:snl39@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2008 2:39 PM

To: Rep. Peggy Wilson; Rep. Bob Roses; Rep. Sharon Cissna; Rep. Anna Fairclough;
rep_berta_gardnew@legis.state.ak.us; rep_wes_keller@legis.state.ak.us; Rep. Paul Seaton

Subject: *****SPAM***** HB-319 bill

To the committee members for bill HB-319:

Hello, my name is Sun LaJiness and I am a certified dental assistant that would like to voice my support for this particular bill. I have been a dental assistant for the past 13 years now and certified for 10 of those years. In the past I have sat on a dental assistant advisory board for the University of Alaska Tanana Valley Campus for at least 7 years and was the co-founder, president, past-president and vice president for the local dental assisting society. My past interests and commitment to the community displays that I am a strong believer in dental education and advocate of dental health within the community. I am very interested in this current bill at hand and would like to make sure my support is well known for this bill. Living in the rural "bush" Alaska community, as a child when my parents were teachers for the BIA, I know first hand the need for dental attention to these communities and what an asset this bill would be. I personally feel that this bill will bring a lot of benefit to not only our surrounding community, but an extreme benefit to the rural communities Alaska has to offer. I feel so many needy people will then have the quality care they deserve and need with the passing of this bill. Having certified dental assistants acquire the proper training and certification this bill outlines will allow efficiency within the dental offices and allow the team as a whole to "attack" the dental situation at hand. I work along side a very supportive dentist that is capable and willing to allow the quality trained assistants present take the proper measures to maximize beneficial attention to the needed dental community. She also has a firm affirmation that there is a great need for a bill, like HB-319, to be developed and implemented within the dental community for the greater good of all the communities within Alaska. I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Sun LaJiness, CDA

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MEMORANDUM

February 13, 2008

SUBJECT: CSHB 319(HES) Wording Problem (Work Order No. 25-LS1281\L)

TO: Representative Peggy Wilson
Chair of House Health, Education, and Social Services Committee
Attn: Becky Rooney

FROM: Kathryn L. Kurtz 
Assistant Revisor

Enclosed is the committee substitute you requested.

The language the committee inserted at page 3, lines 4 - 6 is internally inconsistent. With the change, the section provides:

(b) A dentist licensed in this state may delegate to a dental assistant under direct supervision

...

(3) other dental operations and services as defined and regulated by the board that do not require the professional skill of a licensed dentist or licensed dental hygienist, *including those dental operations and services provided in AS 08.32.110(c) and this chapter.*

(Emphasis added). AS 08.32.110 addresses the scope of practice of dental hygienists, and subsection (c) limits the tasks which may be delegated by a dentist:

(c) This section does not authorize delegation of

(1) diagnosing, treatment planning, and writing prescriptions for drugs; writing authorizations for restorative, prosthetic, or orthodontic appliances;

(2) operative or surgical procedures on hard or soft tissues except as allowed in (a)(4) of this section; or

(3) *other procedures that require the professional competence and skill of a dentist.*

(Emphasis added). Obviously, this is not a list of tasks that do not require the professional skill of a licensed dentist or licensed dental hygienist, as the lead-in language

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February 13, 2008
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The simplest solution to this drafting problem would be to remove the phrase "*including those dental operations and services provided in AS 08.32.110(c) and this chapter*" on page 3, l. 5 - 6. Another approach would be to clarify the language to match what the committee presumably intended, perhaps along these lines:

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(3) other dental operations and services as defined and regulated by the board; however, a dentist may not delegate to a dental assistant a dental operation or service that requires the professional skill of a licensed dentist or licensed dental hygienist, including those dental operations and services specified in AS 08.32.110(c).

Please alert the next committee of referral to this issue, and please call if you have questions or would like us to draft an amendment.

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Enclosure

Amendment #1:

Conceptual amendment to require all Dental Assistants that wish to become certified to perform coronal polishing or to perform restorative functions must be Certified Dental Assistants (CDA).

Certified Dental Assistant – CDA means a dental assistant that has registered with the board, passed the Dental Assisting National Board Exam (DANB), and maintains the credential (CDA) by meeting DANB recertification requirements.

DANB offers three pathways to becoming a CDA – All pathway options require CPR

1. Graduation from ADA-CODA accredited dental assisting or dental hygiene program
2. High school graduation (or equivalent) and 3500 hours work experience as a dental assistant
3. Current or former DANB CDA or graduation from ADA-CODA accredited dental degree program or graduation from a foreign dental degree program.

Page 3 line 4

After board insert “that do not require the professional skill of a licensed dentist or licensed dental hygienist, including those provided in AS 08.32.110(c) and this chapter.”

Page 3 line 11

Replace “facility” with “office”

HB 319 Dentists and Dental Assistants

Amendment #2:

Page 3 line 4

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Sectional HB 319- An Act relating to the practice of dentistry and to dental assistants

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* **Section 1.** Adds a new section to AS 08.36 defining dental assistants.

Sec. 08.36.342 Describes the coronal polishing certificate.

Sec. 08.36.344 Describes the restorative function certificate.

Sec. 08.36.346 Describes delegated duties to a dental assistant.

Sec. 08.36.349 Defines "direct" and "indirect" supervision.

* **Section 2.** AS 08.36.370 Adds the definitions "calculus", "coronal polishing", and "dental assistant".

* **Section 3.** Repeals AS 08.32.110(d).

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Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2008 6:09 PM
To: Rep. Jay Ramras
Subject: HB 319

From: swighs@yahoo.com

Dear Representative Ramras,

I am writing to you as a dental hygienist who loves her job and loves her patients. I worked hard for my degree and am proud of the level of training I received. I am very concerned about HB 319.

Dental Hygienists are highly trained and highly educated professionals. Your Bill states that only tartar free children would be polished by assistants, why would you want someone with less hands on training and less education working on our most precious resource? We should expect the same high level care for children that we do for adults and that is with a hygienist.

Recently Dental Health Aides were allowed to practice in our rural areas and a new Dental Hygiene program was opened in Fairbanks. As more students graduate more professionals will be available to treat the needs of Rural Alaska. They will be professionals with at least 2 years of intense clinical training, which is what our states deserves.

Thank you,
Sarah Sullivan

- Sarah Sullivan
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Sponsor Statement for HB 319

“An Act relating to the supervision and duties of dental assistants by dentists, establishing a restorative function certificate and a coronal polishing certificate.”

Oral health plays a key role in overall health. Untreated dental problems can cause pain, effect nutrition and affect the quality of life. Good dental health helps a healthy lifestyle and promotes good self esteem. Unfortunately not all Alaskan's enjoy good dental health due to limitations on dental personnel, geographical barriers, fear of dental treatment, and cost of dental care.

Dental Assistants work directly with dentists to provide dental treatment. They have the opportunity to work closely with dentists, generally in the same room, have the chance to observe the dentist's procedures and have their work closely monitored.

The provisions of House Bill 319 follow the expanded functions of dental assistants in other states to improve access to dental care and reduce costs. The restorative function will allow efficient delivery of fillings reducing costs. The coronal polishing portion will allow dental assistants to see children to provide cleanings and fluoride. Allowing assistants to delivery these limited cleaning services will lower costs encouraging dental offices to see children under Medicaid and Denali Kid Care providing treatment at a time when children are most at risk. Specifically, HB 319:

1. Allows a certified dental assistant to place “fillings” into a cavity prepared by a licensed dentist.
2. Allows a certified dental assistant to do coronal polishing of teeth.

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- * **Section 1.** AS 08.36.075(c) Amends AS 08.36.075 (c) to add conforming language related to the type of supervision by dentists for dental assistants related to the use of radiological equipment.
- * **Section 2.** AS 08.36.075(d) Amends AS 08.36.075 (d) to add conforming language related to the supervision provided by dentists for dental assistants related to the use of radiological equipment after the date on the most recent inspection seal.
- * **Section 3.** AS 08.36.315 Amends AS 08.36.315 adds grounds for discipline, suspension, or revocation of license of a dentist based on findings from a board hearing.
- * **Section 3.** AS 08.36.315 (6) Amends AS 08.36. 315 (6) to add conforming language related to the type of supervision by dentists for dental assistants related to minimum professional standards of dentistry regardless of whether actual injury to the patient occurred.
- * **Section 4.** AS 08.36 Is amended by adding new sections:
 - Article 3A. adds the term Dental Assistants.
 - Sec. 08.36.342. Proposes and defines certification standards for dental assistants pertaining to the expanded duty of coronal polishing.
 - Sec. 08.36.344. Proposes and defines certification standards for dental assistants related to restorative function.
 - Sec. 08.36.346. Proposes delegation of duties to dental assistants under indirect supervision except as provided in AS 08.32.110 (c).
- * **Section 5.** AS 08.36.370. Is amended adding definitions for key terms used throughout the bill.
- * **Section 6.** AS 08.32.110 (d). is repealed.



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To whom it may concern:

At the December 7, 2007 meeting of the Alaska Board of Dental Examiners, we considered the proposed change to the Dental Practice Act enabling a broader scope of practice for dental assistants as presented by the Alaska Dental Society, introduced as HB 319. After discussion by the Board we voted unanimously to support the proposal as beneficial to the citizens of the State by improving access to care while still maintaining the oversight to ensure safety and quality of care. We look forward to providing for these proposed changes and introducing this innovative way to help our profession deliver care to all Alaskans.

Sincerely

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Long Term Strategic Plan for Providing Care for the Underserved in Alaska

The majority of Alaskans enjoy access to excellent and affordable dental care – some of the best in the world. A segment of the Alaska's population does not have ready access to basic dental care and struggles to pay for the treatment they need; particularly if they have delayed seeking care and their condition has gotten worse and more difficult and costly to treat.

The Alaska Dental Society has developed a long term strategic plan which will increase access to care for those Alaskans most in need and with the greatest challenges to getting regular care and treatment. It will require cooperation between the Alaska Dental and the Alaska Dental Board, the Legislature, as well as the other state and federal agencies responsible for dental and health care.

The Alaska Dental Society recommends the following steps to increase access to dental care:

1. Legislation to expand the duties that can be assigned to auxiliary dental personnel. Increasing the tasks performed by hygienists and assistants will increase efficiency while lowering costs.
2. Implement a 10% tax at the wholesale level on soda pop, soft drinks that contain significant percentages of sugar and candy products. Proceeds of the tax would be directed to the general fund and used to offset key programs to improve and increase access to dental care.
3. Implementation of a state grant program for delivery of preventive care in underserved areas.
4. Institute a loan program to encourage health care providers to deliver care in underserved areas.
5. Modifications to the Medicaid system by the Department of Health and Social Services that will encourage rather than discourage dentists to participate.
6. Incentives from the state to encourage communities to fluoridate community water systems and development of a state program to provide fluoride supplementation in communities without fluoridated water.

More detailed information on the above listed programs can be found in the accompanying material.



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Dental Assistant Expanded Duty Bill

- Create 2 tier system for assistants
 - Uncertified assistants who perform current tasks
 - Certified expanded duty class with 2 areas of certification
 - Packing and carving fillings (restorative function)
 - Coronal polishing
- Certification for restorative function would mirror training and testing in HB136/SB98 for hygienists
- Certification for coronal polishing would be done under regulations by board
- Keeping current tasks performed by dental assistants uncertified would allow remote areas to hire local people and in-office train
- Restorative function and coronal polishing by assistants would help community health centers and itinerate dental teams in remote areas provide cost effective treatment
- Coronal polishing by assistants would encourage dental offices to see children under Medicaid and Denali Kid Care

Expanded Duty Dental Assistant Draft Bill

The following is a draft prepared for dissemination by the Alaska Dental Society

Additions and deletions in red

Sec. 08.32.110 is amended by removing section (d) to read:

Sec. 08.32.110. Scope of practice of dental hygienists. (a) The role of the dental hygienist is to assist members of the dental profession in providing oral health care to the public. A person licensed to practice the profession of dental hygiene in the state may

(1) remove calcareous deposits, accretions, and stains from the exposed surfaces of the teeth beginning at the epithelial attachment by scaling and polishing techniques;

(2) apply topical preventive agents;

(3) apply pit and fissure sealants;

(4) perform root planing and periodontal soft tissue curettage;

(5) perform other dental operations and services delegated by a licensed dentist if the dental operations and services are not prohibited by (c) of this section; and

(6) if certified by the board and under the direct or indirect supervision of a licensed dentist, administer local anesthetic agents.

(b) The board shall specify by regulation those additional functions that may be performed by a licensed dental hygienist only upon successful completion of a formal course of instruction approved by the board. The board shall adopt regulations specifying the education requirements, evaluation procedures, and degree of supervision required for each function.

(c) This section does not authorize delegation of

(1) diagnosing, treatment planning, and writing prescriptions for drugs; writing authorizations for restorative, prosthetic, or orthodontic appliances;

(2) operative or surgical procedures on hard or soft tissues except as allowed in (a)(4) of this section;

or
(3) other procedures that require the professional competence and skill of a dentist.

Sec. 08.36.365 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.36.365. Rights of Dentists. (a) A dentist licensed in this state may

(1) practice in an association, partnership, corporation or other lawful entity with other dentists including specialists;

(2) practice under the name of "dental center" or other descriptive term that does not deceive the public about the nature of the services provided;

(3) supervise research that would otherwise violate this chapter or regulations adopted under this chapter when the research does not involve treatment of dental patients if the research is performed by a nonprofit dental research institution chartered by this state or by a dental or dental auxiliary school accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or its successor agency;

(4) supervise research that would otherwise violate this chapter or regulations adopted under this chapter when the research involves the treatment of dental patients if the research is performed by a nonprofit dental research institution chartered by this state or by a dental or dental auxiliary school accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or its successor agency, and if the dentist notifies the board in writing, at least 60 days before beginning the treatment, of the intended practices or procedures and the board does not disapprove the research.

(b) A dentist licensed in this state may delegate to an uncertified dental assistant under direct or indirect supervision:

(1) Exposing and developing radiographs

(2) applying topical preventive agents

(3) applying pit and fissure sealants

- (4) other procedures or duties not prohibited under 08.36.360 or 08.32.110
- (c) A dentist licensed in this state may delegate to a certified dental assistant under direct supervision:
 - (1) coronal polishing of teeth
 - (a) The board shall issue a coronal polishing endorsement to a dental assistant who is certified under this chapter if the licensee furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that the certifiee has successfully completed a program of instruction approved by the board.
 - (b) An endorsement issued under this section authorizes a certified dental assistant under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist to perform coronal polishing on a patient without the presence of calculus
 - (c) The board may by regulation establish renewal, fees, and continuing education requirements for an endorsement under this section.
 - (2) placement of filling materials
 - (a) The board shall issue a restorative function endorsement to a dental assistant who is certified under this chapter if the certifiee furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that the certifiee has
 - (1) successfully completed a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or other course of instruction approved by the board; and
 - (2) passed the Western Regional Examining Board's restorative examination or other equivalent examination approved by the board within the five years preceding the certifiee's endorsement application, or the certifiee has legal authorization from another state or jurisdiction to perform restorative functions.
 - (b) An endorsement issued under this section authorizes a certified dental assistant under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist to place restorations into a cavity prepared by the licensed dentist and thereafter carve, contour, and adjust contacts and occlusion of the restoration.
 - (c) The board may by regulation establish renewal, fees, and continuing education requirements for an endorsement under this section.
 - (3) other procedures as defined and regulated by the board

Sec. 08.36.370 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.36.370. Definitions. In this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise,

- (1) "board" means the Board of Dental Examiners;
- (2) "department" means the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development.
- (3) "impaired practitioner" means a person who is unfit to practice dentistry due to addiction or dependence on alcohol or other drugs that impair the practitioner's ability to practice safely.
- (4) "dental assistant" means a person employed to provide clinical assistance to a dentist
- (5) "direct supervision" means the dentist is in the dental office, personally diagnoses the condition to be treated, personally authorizes the procedure, and before dismissal of the patient evaluates the performance of the dental assistant,
- (6) "indirect supervision" means a licensed dentist is in the dental facility, authorizes the procedures, and remains in the dental facility while the procedures are being performed by the dental assistant.
- (7) "coronal polishing" means the removal of supragingival plaque and stains



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AN ACT

Extending the termination date of the Board of Dental Examiners; and relating to dentists and dental hygienists.

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

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1

Enrolled HB 211

AN ACT

1 Extending the termination date of the Board of Dental Examiners; and relating to dentists and
2 dental hygienists.

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4 * Section 1. AS 08.03.010(c)(7) is amended to read:

5 (7) Board of Dental Examiners (AS 08.36.010) - June 30, 2011 [2005];

6 * Sec. 2. AS 08.32.030 is amended to read:

7 **Sec. 08.32.030. Licensure by credentials.** The board may provide for the
8 licensing without examination of a dental hygienist who

9 (1) meets the criteria of AS 08.32.020(a);

10 (2) has successfully passed a state or regional dental hygiene clinical
11 examination that [WHICH] the board has determined is at least equivalent in scope,
12 quality, and difficulty to the Alaska clinical examination;

13 (3) has been in active clinical dental hygiene practice averaging not
14 [NO] less than 700 hours a year [14 HOURS PER WEEK] for each of the two years

1 immediately preceding application for state licensure;

2 (4) has not failed the clinical dental hygiene examination of this state;

3 (5) has not previously had a license to practice dental hygiene issued
4 by any state or region revoked;

5 (6) **has completed not less than 14 hours of continuing education**
6 **related to clinical hygiene in the two years before filing an application with the**
7 **board; the continuing education required under this paragraph must be**
8 **approved by the board, the American Dental Association, the Academy of**
9 **General Dentistry, or the American Dental Hygienists' Association** [IS
10 PERSONALLY INTERVIEWED BY A BOARD MEMBER];

11 (7) pays the fees required under AS 08.32.097; and

12 (8) is not the subject of an unresolved complaint, review procedure, or
13 disciplinary proceeding undertaken by a dental or dental hygiene licensing
14 jurisdiction.

15 * Sec. 3. AS 08.36.075(d) is amended to read:

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

1 pass inspection again. An inspector who performs an inspection under this subsection
2 shall report the results of each inspection to the board and to the department,
3 indicating whether the dental radiological equipment was in compliance with the
4 inspection standards of the board and whether an inspection seal was issued.

5 * Sec. 4. AS 08.36.110 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 08.36.110. Qualifications for license.** An applicant for a license to
7 practice dentistry shall

8 (1) provide certification to the board that the applicant

9 (A) is a graduate of a dental school that, at the time of
10 graduation, is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American
11 Dental Association;

12 (B) holds a certificate from the American Dental Association
13 Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations that the applicant has
14 successfully passed the written examinations given by the commission;

15 (C) has not had a license to practice dentistry revoked,
16 suspended, or voluntarily surrendered in this state or another state;

17 (D) is not the subject of an adverse decision based upon a
18 complaint, investigation, review procedure, or other disciplinary proceeding
19 within the five years immediately preceding application, or of an unresolved
20 complaint, investigation, review procedure, or other disciplinary proceeding,
21 undertaken by a state, territorial, local, or federal dental licensing jurisdiction
22 or a dental society;

23 (E) is not the subject of an unresolved or an adverse decision
24 based upon a complaint, investigation, review procedure, or other disciplinary
25 proceeding, undertaken by a state, territorial, local, or federal dental licensing
26 jurisdiction, dental society, or law enforcement agency that relates to criminal
27 or fraudulent activity, dental malpractice, or negligent dental care and that
28 adversely reflects on the applicant's ability or competence to practice dentistry
29 or on the safety or well-being of patients;

30 (F) is not the subject of an adverse report from the National
31 Practitioner Data Bank or the American Association of Dental Examiners

1 Clearinghouse for Board Actions that relates to criminal or fraudulent activity,
2 or dental malpractice;

3 (G) is not [AN] impaired to an extent that affects the
4 applicant's ability to practice dentistry [PRACTITIONER];

5 (H) has not been convicted of a crime that adversely reflects
6 on the applicant's ability or competency to practice dentistry or that
7 jeopardizes the safety or well-being of a patient;

8 (2) pass, to the satisfaction of the board, written, clinical, and other
9 examinations administered or approved by the board; and

10 (3) meet the other qualifications for a license established by the board
11 by regulation.

12 * Sec. 5. AS 08.36.234(a) is amended to read:

13 (a) The board shall provide for the licensing without examination, except as
14 provided in (2) of this subsection, of a dentist who

15 (1) provides certification to the board that the dentist

16 (A) is a graduate of a dental school accredited by the
17 Commission on Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or its
18 successor agency, and holds a certificate from the American Dental
19 Association Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations that the
20 dentist has passed the written examination given by the commission;

21 (B) has passed clinical and written examinations required for
22 licensure in another state, territory, or region of the United States and is
23 licensed to practice dentistry in a state, territory, or region of the United States;
24 the state, territory, or region in which the dentist is licensed must have
25 licensing requirements at least generally equivalent to those of this state at the
26 time of application; if the board does not consider the licensing requirements
27 of the other jurisdiction to be generally equivalent to those of this state at the
28 time of application because certain areas of subject matter were not included in
29 the other jurisdiction's examinations, the board may find compliance with the
30 requirements of this subparagraph if the dentist holds a specialty certification
31 in the omitted subject areas;

1 (C) is in good standing with the licensing entity in the
2 jurisdiction where the dentist is currently licensed and in all jurisdictions in
3 which the dentist was previously licensed while practicing in those
4 jurisdictions; if the dentist is employed by the federal government, the dentist
5 must be in good standing with the employing federal agency;

6 (D) has been engaged in continuous active clinical practice
7 averaging at least 20 hours a week for each of the five years immediately
8 preceding the application

9 (i) in a jurisdiction in which the dentist was licensed
10 and in good standing; or

11 (ii) working for the federal government while in good
12 standing with the employing federal agency and after having been
13 licensed by a jurisdiction;

14 (E) is not the subject of an adverse decision based upon a
15 complaint, investigation, review procedure, or other disciplinary proceeding
16 within the five years immediately preceding application, or of an unresolved
17 complaint, investigation, review procedure, or other disciplinary proceeding,
18 undertaken by a state, territorial, local, or federal dental licensing jurisdiction
19 or a dental society;

20 (F) is not the subject of an unresolved or an adverse decision
21 based upon a complaint, investigation, review procedure, or other disciplinary
22 proceeding undertaken by a state, territorial, local, or federal dental licensing
23 jurisdiction, dental society, or law enforcement agency that relates to criminal
24 or fraudulent activity, dental malpractice, or negligent dental care and that
25 adversely reflects on the applicant's ability or competence to practice dentistry
26 or on the safety or well-being of patients;

27 (G) has not previously had a license to practice dentistry
28 suspended for grounds similar to those specified under AS 08.36.315, revoked,
29 or voluntarily surrendered;

30 (H) has completed at least 42 hours of continuing education
31 related to clinical dentistry in the three years preceding application for a

1 license in this state; the continuing education must have been approved by the
2 American Dental Association, the Academy of General Dentistry, or the
3 appropriate specialty board;

4 (I) has not, within the previous three years, failed the clinical
5 exam given by the Western Regional Examining Board;

6 (J) is not the subject of an adverse report from the National
7 Practitioner Data Bank or the American Association of Dental Examiners
8 Clearinghouse for Board Actions that relates to criminal or fraudulent activity,
9 negligent dental care, or malpractice;

10 (2) has passed, to the satisfaction of the board, a written examination
11 [THAT CONSISTS OF THE PORTION OF THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION
12 GIVEN UNDER AS 08.36.160(b)] that pertains to the state's laws on the practice of
13 dentistry; the board may not require a higher passing score for applicants under this
14 section than the board requires for applicants under AS 08.36.110;

15 (3) is personally interviewed by the board for purposes of verifying
16 credentials;

17 (4) pays all required fees;

18 (5) provides the board with an affidavit that the dentist is not an
19 impaired practitioner;

20 (6) provides to the board an authorization for release of records in a
21 form prescribed by the board.

22 * Sec. 6. AS 08.36.246(a) is amended to read:

23 (a) An applicant for a specialty license shall

24 (1) meet all of the requirements under AS 08.36.110(1) and (3)
25 [POSSESS A LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY IN THE STATE];

26 (2) have completed as many academic years of advanced education in
27 the specialty as are required by the appropriate specialty board in a program accredited
28 by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its
29 successor agency; [AND]

30 (3) be a diplomate or the equivalent of the appropriate specialty board,
31 or be eligible to be examined for diplomate status as documented by an organization

1 recognized by the American Dental Association; and

2 (4) satisfy one of the following:

3 (A) pass an examination approved by the board;

4 (B) pass a specialty examination given by the Central
5 Regional Examining Board; or

6 (C) be board certified by a specialty certification board
7 recognized by the American Dental Association.

8 * Sec. 7. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
9 read:

10 REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION. The revisor is instructed to substitute the word
11 "practice" for the word "work" in the catch line to AS 08.32.110.

12 * Sec. 8. AS 08.32.020(b); AS 08.36.120, 08.36.130, 08.36.160, 08.36.180, and 08.36.190
13 are repealed.