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SENATE FILE 90  
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 68)

Passed Senate, Date 1/30/89 (p. 210) Passed House, Date 4-12-89 (p. 1478)  
Vote: Ayes 48 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 97 Nays 0  
Approved 427-89 (p. 1740)

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1 An Act relating to the regulation of the practice of dentistry by  
2 providing that students of dental hygiene are not engaged in  
3 the practice of dentistry.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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SSB 68  
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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
HEALTH/BOARD OF DENTAL  
EXAMINERS BILL)

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13 BACKGROUND STATEMENT

14 SUBMITTED BY THE AGENCY

15 The practice of dentistry is defined in Iowa Code section  
16 153.13 and exceptions to that definition are contained in Iowa  
17 Code section 153.14. While dental students are excluded from  
18 the definition of practicing dentists, and therefore exempt  
19 from licensure, there is no specific exclusion for dental  
20 hygiene students. The only exclusion in Iowa Code section  
21 153.14 relating to dental hygienists is in subsection 3, which  
22 exempts persons licensed to practice dental hygiene from the  
23 definition of the practice of dentistry. The Board assumes  
24 that the legislature intended such dental hygiene students to  
25 be exempt from licensure while under a course of study.

26 There being no exclusion for dental hygiene students,  
27 theoretically the Board could take action against dental  
28 hygiene students for practicing dental hygiene without a  
29 license. The Board assumes this is a result of an oversight  
30 and assumes that the legislature intended such students to be  
31 exempt from licensure.

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JO ANN ZIMMERMAN  
President of the Senate

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DONALD D. AVENSON  
Speaker of the House

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I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 90, Seventy-third General Assembly.

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JOHN F. DWYER  
Secretary of the Senate

Approved 4/27, 1989

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TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
Governor