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STATE GOVERNMENT

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL
BY CHAIRPERSON MARTIN)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing registration requirements and establishing a
2 scope of authority for dental assistants.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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2 amended to read as follows:

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5 Sec. 2. Section 147.80, Code 1999, is amended by adding
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9 under a reciprocal agreement, or renewal of registration to
10 practice as a dental assistant.

11 Sec. 3. Section 153.14, subsection 1, Code 1999, is
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13 1. Students of dentistry who practice dentistry upon
14 patients at clinics in connection with their regular course of
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16 hygiene who practice upon patients at clinics in connection
17 with their regular course of instruction at state-approved
18 schools, and students of dental assisting who practice upon
19 patients at clinics in connection with a regular course of
20 instruction determined by the board of dentistry pursuant to
21 section 153.39.

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25 dental assistant.

26 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 153.38 DENTAL ASSISTANTS -- SCOPE
27 OF TERM.

28 A registered dental assistant may perform those services of
29 assistance to a licensed dentist as determined by the board of
30 dentistry by rule. Such services shall be performed under
31 supervision of a licensed dentist in a dental office, a public
32 or private school, public health agencies, hospitals, and the
33 armed forces, but shall not be construed to authorize a dental
34 assistant to practice dentistry or dental hygiene. Every
35 licensed dentist who utilizes the services of a registered

1 dental assistant for the purpose of assistance in the practice
2 of dentistry shall be responsible for acts delegated to the
3 registered dental assistant. A dentist shall delegate to a
4 registered dental assistant only those acts which are
5 authorized to be delegated to registered dental assistants by
6 the board of dentistry.

7 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 153.39 DENTAL ASSISTANTS --
8 REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, RENEWAL, REVOCATION, OR SUSPENSION.

9 1. A person shall not practice as a dental assistant
10 unless the person has registered with the board and received a
11 certificate of registration pursuant to this chapter.

12 2. The board shall mandate educational requirements and
13 continuing education requirements by rule as a condition of
14 registration or authority to perform the authorized duties of
15 a registered dental assistant and shall establish a date by
16 which individuals practicing as a dental assistant on the
17 effective date of this Act shall be required to comply with
18 registration requirements. In order to renew registration as
19 a registered dental assistant the board shall require a
20 registrant to furnish evidence of satisfactory completion of
21 continuing education requirements as established by rule.

22 3. The board shall establish standards for revocation or
23 suspension of registration by rule.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill provides that individuals practicing as dental
26 assistants are required to register with the board of dental
27 examiners. The bill provides a scope of practice for
28 registered dental assistants performing delegated functions
29 under the supervision of a licensed dentist, and provides that
30 the board of dental examiners is authorized to establish and
31 regulate by rule dental assistant registration, renewal, and
32 continuing education requirements, as well as standards
33 relating to the revocation or suspension of registration.

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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 119)

Passed House, Date ^(P. 829) 3/24/99

Passed Senate, Date ^(P. 253) 2/14/00

Vote: Ayes 82 Nays 13

Vote: Ayes 45 Nays 1

Approved Sept. 23, 2000

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10 unless the person has registered with the board and received a
11 certificate of registration pursuant to this chapter.

12 2. A person shall be registered upon the successful
13 completion of education and examination requirements.
14 Education requirements shall be determined by the board by
15 rule, and may be satisfied either through a formal series of
16 classes or through job equivalency training, according to
17 standards to be determined by the board. The education
18 requirements shall include possession of a valid certificate
19 in a nationally recognized course in cardiopulmonary
20 resuscitation. Successful passage of an examination
21 administered by the board, which shall include sections
22 regarding infection control, hazardous materials, and
23 jurisprudence, shall also be required. The board shall
24 establish continuing education requirements as a condition of
25 renewing registration as a registered dental assistant, as
26 well as standards for the suspension or revocation of
27 registration.

28 3. Individuals employed as a dental assistant as of July
29 1, 2000, shall have until September 1, 2000, to comply with
30 the provisions of subsection 1. Individuals employed as a
31 dental assistant after July 1, 2000, shall have a sixty-day
32 period following their first date of employment after July 1,
33 2000, to comply with the provisions of subsection 1.

34 Sec. 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the
35 general assembly that the board of dental examiners adopt

1 rules authorized pursuant to sections 5 and 6 of this Act, to
2 be effective on or before January 1, 2000. The board shall
3 consider, in adopting rules, recommendations of the scope of
4 practice review committee relating to practice as a dental
5 assistant.

6 Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. Sections 1 through 6 of this Act
7 take effect January 1, 2000.

8 EXPLANATION

9 This bill provides that individuals practicing as dental
10 assistants are required to register with the board of dental
11 examiners. The bill provides a scope of practice for
12 registered dental assistants performing delegated functions
13 under the supervision of a licensed dentist, and provides that
14 the board of dental examiners is authorized to establish and
15 regulate by rule dental assistant registration, renewal, and
16 continuing education requirements, as well as standards
17 relating to the revocation or suspension of registration.

18 The bill provides that registration requirements shall
19 include both education components and an examination. The
20 bill provides that the education requirements will be
21 determined by the board by rule, and can be satisfied either
22 through formal classes or by job equivalency training. The
23 examination will include sections regarding infection control,
24 hazardous materials, and jurisprudence.

25 The bill additionally provides that individuals employed as
26 a dental assistant as of July 1, 2000, will have until
27 September 1, 2000, to become registered, and that individuals
28 becoming employed as a dental assistant after July 1, 2000,
29 will have a 60-day period to become registered from the date
30 of employment. The bill provides a legislative intent
31 provision that the board of dental examiners adopt rules to be
32 effective on or before January 1, 2000, and that in developing
33 the rules, the board shall consider the recommendations of the
34 scope of practice review committee relating to practice as a
35 dental assistant.

1 The bill takes effect January 1, 2000, with the exception
2 of the legislative intent section relating to the adoption of
3 rules, which takes effect July 1, 1999.

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HOUSE FILE 686

H-1154

- 1 Amend House File 686 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 2, by striking lines 28 through 30 and
- 3 inserting the following:
- 4 "3. Individuals employed as a dental assistant as
- 5 of July 1, 2000, shall be registered with the board
- 6 and receive a certificate of registration, and
- 7 individuals employed as a".

By BLODGETT of Cerro Gordo

H-1154 FILED MARCH 23, 1999

Adopted 3/24/99 (P.828)

HOUSE FILE 686

H-1155

- 1 Amend House File 686 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 3, line 2, by striking the word
- 3 "effective" and inserting the following: "adopted".

By METCALF of Polk

H-1155 FILED MARCH 23, 1999

Adopted 3/24/99 (P.828)

HOUSE FILE 686

H-1174

- 1 Amend House File 686 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 2, line 13, by inserting after the word
- 3 "requirements" the following: ", except as provided
- 4 in subsection 3".
- 5 2. Page 2, by striking lines 28 through 30 and
- 6 inserting the following:
- 7 "3. An individual employed as a dental assistant
- 8 as of July 1, 2000, if accompanied by a certified
- 9 statement of an employing dentist, licensed in good
- 10 standing in Iowa, stating that the individual
- 11 qualifies by training and experience as a dental
- 12 assistant, shall be allowed to register with the board
- 13 by September 1, 2000. This individual shall not be
- 14 subject to the education and examination requirements
- 15 of subsection 2 as a condition of registration, but
- 16 shall be subject to the continuing education
- 17 requirements established in subsection 2. Individuals
- 18 employed as a".

By PARMENTER of Story

H-1174 FILED MARCH 23, 1999

Withdrawn 3/24/99 (P.828)

HOUSE FILE 686

H-1120

1 Amend House File 686 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by striking everything after the
3 enacting clause and inserting the following:

4 "Section 1. Section 147.13, subsection 8, Code
5 1999, is amended to read as follows:

6 8. For dentistry and, dental hygiene, and dental
7 assisting, dental examiners.

8 Sec. 2. Section 147.80, Code 1999, is amended by
9 adding the following new subsection:

10 NEW SUBSECTION. 27A. Registration to practice as
11 a dental assistant, registration to practice as a
12 dental assistant under a reciprocal agreement, or
13 renewal of registration to practice as a dental
14 assistant.

15 Sec. 3. Section 153.14, Code 1999, is amended by
16 adding the following new subsection:

17 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. Persons registered as dental
18 assistants who are exclusively engaged in the practice
19 of said profession.

20 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 153.16A DENTAL ASSISTANTS.

21 1. A person shall not practice as a dental
22 assistant unless the person has registered with the
23 board of dental examiners and received a certificate
24 of registration pursuant to this subsection. A person
25 shall be registered in accordance with one of the
26 following:

27 a. As a registered dental assistant upon
28 successful completion of education requirements,
29 examination requirements, or both, as established by
30 the board by rule. Education requirements shall
31 include classes in infection control, hazardous
32 materials, and jurisprudence, and shall also include
33 possession of a valid certificate in a nationally
34 recognized course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

35 b. As a certified dental assistant, in addition to
36 the requirements of paragraph "a", upon submission to
37 the board of a valid certified dental assistant
38 credential issued by the national board of dental
39 assisting.

40 c. As an expanded-function dental assistant, in
41 addition to the requirements of paragraphs "a" and
42 "b", upon successful completion of a class in expanded
43 functions approved by the board.

44 2. The board shall establish scope of practice,
45 supervision, continuing education, and renewal
46 requirements, and shall specify circumstances
47 resulting in registration revocation or suspension, by
48 rule. Requirements established shall provide that a
49 dental assistant registered pursuant to the provisions
50 of subsection 1 may perform only those intraoral

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1 services which are mechanical in nature and require
2 limited judgment, and shall not perform services
3 involving the removal of any plaque, stain, calculus,
4 or hard natural or synthetic material except by rubber
5 cup coronal polish; administration of local
6 anesthesia; and placement of sealants.

7 3. Individuals employed as a dental assistant as
8 of July 1, 2000, shall have until September 1, 2000,
9 to comply with the provisions of subsection 1.

10 Individuals employed as a dental assistant after July
11 1, 2000, shall have a sixty-day period following their
12 first date of employment after July 1, 2000, to comply
13 with the provisions of subsection 1.

14 Sec. 5. Section 153.34, unnumbered paragraph 1,
15 Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

16 The board may issue an order to discipline a
17 licensed dentist or dental hygienist, or registered
18 dental assistant, for any of the grounds set forth in
19 this chapter, chapter 272C, or Title IV.

20 Notwithstanding section 272C.3, licensee or registrant
21 discipline may include a civil penalty not to exceed
22 ten thousand dollars. Pursuant to this section, the
23 board may discipline a licensee for any of the
24 following reasons:

25 Sec. 6. Section 153.34, Code 1999, is amended by
26 adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

27 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The board may discipline
28 a registered dental assistant for violation of any
29 applicable provision of this section.

30 Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
31 July 1, 2000."

By WHITEAD of Woodbury CATALDO of Polk
JOCHUM of Dubuque *Withdrawn* TAYLOR of Linn
CHIODO of Polk *3/24/99 (R. 827)*

H-1120 FILED MARCH 18, 1999

HOUSE FILE 686

H-1153

1 Amend House File 686 as follows:

2 1. Page 2, line 13, by inserting after the word
3 "requirements" the following: ", except as provided
4 in subsection 3".

5 2. Page 2, by striking lines 28 through 33 and
6 inserting the following:

7 "3. An individual employed as a dental assistant
8 as of July 1, 2000, if accompanied by a certified
9 statement of an employing dentist, licensed in good
10 standing in Iowa, stating that the individual
11 qualifies by training and experience as a dental
12 assistant, shall be allowed to register with the board
13 by September 1, 2000. This individual shall not be
14 subject to the education and examination requirements
15 of subsection 2 as a condition of registration, but
16 shall be subject to the continuing education
17 requirements established in subsection 2."

By PARMENTER of Story

H-1153 FILED MARCH 22, 1999

Withdrawn 3/24/99 (R. 828)

HOUSE FILE 686

H-1121

1 Amend House File 686 as follows:
 2 1. Page 2, by striking lines 9 through 33 and
 3 inserting the following:
 4 "1. Individuals employed as a dental assistant as
 5 of July 1, 2000, shall be registered with the board
 6 and receive a certificate of registration.
 7 2. Individuals employed as a dental assistant
 8 after July 1, 2000, shall be granted a conditional
 9 registration by the board within a sixty-day period
 10 following their first date of employment. A person
 11 employed as a dental assistant after July 1, 2000,
 12 shall, within a six-month period, complete education
 13 and examination requirements as determined by the
 14 board. Upon successful completion, the person shall
 15 be registered with the board. Education requirements
 16 shall be determined by the board, by rule, and may be
 17 satisfied either through a formal series of classes or
 18 through job equivalency training, according to
 19 standards to be determined by the board. The
 20 education requirements shall include possession of a
 21 valid certificate from a nationally recognized course
 22 in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Successful passage
 23 of an examination administered by the board, which
 24 shall include sections regarding infection control,
 25 hazardous materials, and jurisprudence, shall also be
 26 required.
 27 3. The board shall establish continuing education
 28 requirements as a condition of renewing registration
 29 as a registered dental assistant, as well as standards
 30 for the suspension or revocation of registration."

By BLODGETT of Cerro Gordo

H-1121 FILED MARCH 18, 1999

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3/24/99 (p. 828)

HOUSE FILE 686

H-1132

1 Amend House File 686 as follows:
 2 1. Page 1, line 23, by striking the word
 3 "subsection" and inserting the following:
 4 "subsections".
 5 2. Page 1, by inserting after line 25 the
 6 following:
 7 "NEW SUBSECTION. 6. Persons licensed to practice
 8 nursing pursuant to chapter 152 who are exclusively
 9 engaged in the practice of said profession."

By BLODGETT of Cerro Gordo

H-1132 FILED MARCH 18, 1999

Adopted
3/25/99 (p. 828)

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HOUSE FILE 686
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 119)

(As Amended and Passed by the House, March 24, 1999)

Passed House, (P. 350) Date 2/17/00 Passed Senate, (P. 253) Date 2/14/00
Vote: Ayes 94 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 45 Nays 1
Approved Feb. 23, 2000

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30 registration.

31 3. Individuals employed as a dental assistant as of July
32 1, 2000, shall be registered with the board and receive a
33 certificate of registration, and individuals employed as a
34 dental assistant after July 1, 2000, shall have a sixty-day
35 period following their first date of employment after July 1,

1 2000, to comply with the provisions of subsection 1.

2 Sec. 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the
3 general assembly that the board of dental examiners adopt
4 rules authorized pursuant to sections 5 and 6 of this Act, to
5 be adopted on or before January 1, 2000. The board shall
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7 practice review committee relating to practice as a dental
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HOUSE FILE 686

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- 1 Amend House File 686, as amended, passed, and
2 reprinted by the House, as follows:
3 1. Page 1, line 23, by striking the word
4 "subsections" and inserting the following:
5 "subsection".
6 2. Page 1, by striking lines 26 through 28.
7 3. Page 2, line 12, by inserting after the word
8 "practice" the following: "on or after July 1, 2001".
9 4. Page 2, line 21, by striking the word "shall"
10 and inserting the following: "may".
11 5. Page 2, line 32, by striking the figure "2000"
12 and inserting the following: "2001".
13 6. Page 2, line 34, by striking the figure "2000"
14 and inserting the following: "2001".
15 7. Page 3, line 1, by striking the figure "2000"
16 and inserting the following: "2001".
17 8. Page 3, line 5, by striking the figure "2000"
18 and inserting the following: "2001".
19 9. Page 3, line 8, by inserting after the word
20 "assistant." the following: "The board shall not,
21 however, adopt rules that delegate to a dental
22 assistant any of the following services:
23 1. Administration of local anesthesia.
24 2. Placement of sealants.
25 3. Removal of any plaque, stain, calculus, or hard
26 natural or synthetic material except by toothbrush,
27 floss, or rubber cup coronal polish."
28 10. Page 3, by striking lines 9 and 10 and
29 inserting the following:
30 "Sec. ____ . EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 7 of this Act,
31 being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect
32 upon enactment for the purpose of developing rules for
33 adoption on or before January 1, 2001."
34 11. By renumbering as necessary.

By COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT
SHELDON RITTMER, Chairperson

S-5005 FILED FEBRUARY 2, 2000

adopted
(p. 253)

SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE FILE 686

H-8030

- 1 Amend House File 686, as amended, passed, and
2 reprinted by the House, as follows:
3 1. Page 1, line 23, by striking the word
4 "subsections" and inserting the following:
5 "subsection".
6 2. Page 1, by striking lines 26 through 28.
7 3. Page 2, line 12, by inserting after the word
8 "practice" the following: "on or after July 1, 2001".
9 4. Page 2, line 21, by striking the word "shall"
10 and inserting the following: "may".
11 5. Page 2, line 32, by striking the figure "2000"
12 and inserting the following: "2001".
13 6. Page 2, line 34, by striking the figure "2000"
14 and inserting the following: "2001".
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31 being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect
32 upon enactment for the purpose of developing rules for
33 adoption on or before January 1, 2001."
34 11. By renumbering as necessary.

RECEIVED FROM THE SENATE

H-8030 FILED FEBRUARY 15, 2000

House Concurred

2/17/00

(p. 351)

HOUSE FILE 686

AN ACT

PROVIDING REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND ESTABLISHING A SCOPE OF AUTHORITY FOR DENTAL ASSISTANTS, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Section 147.13, subsection 8, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

8. For dentistry, and dental hygiene, and dental assisting, dental examiners.

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Sec. 4. Section 153.14, Code 1999, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 5. Persons registered to practice as a dental assistant.

Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 153.38 DENTAL ASSISTANTS -- SCOPE OF TERM.

A registered dental assistant may perform those services of assistance to a licensed dentist as determined by the board of dentistry by rule. Such services shall be performed under supervision of a licensed dentist in a dental office, a public or private school, public health agencies, hospitals, and the armed forces, but shall not be construed to authorize a dental assistant to practice dentistry or dental hygiene. Every licensed dentist who utilizes the services of a registered dental assistant for the purpose of assistance in the practice of dentistry shall be responsible for acts delegated to the registered dental assistant. A dentist shall delegate to a registered dental assistant only those acts which are authorized to be delegated to registered dental assistants by the board of dentistry.

Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 153.39 DENTAL ASSISTANTS -- REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, RENEWAL, REVOCATION, OR SUSPENSION.

1. A person shall not practice on or after July 1, 2001 as a dental assistant unless the person has registered with the board and received a certificate of registration pursuant to this chapter.

2. A person shall be registered upon the successful completion of education and examination requirements. Education requirements shall be determined by the board by rule, and may be satisfied either through a formal series of classes or through job equivalency training, according to standards to be determined by the board. The education requirements may include possession of a valid certificate in a nationally recognized course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Successful passage of an examination administered by the board, which shall include sections regarding infection control, hazardous materials, and jurisprudence, shall also be required. The board shall establish continuing education requirements as a condition of renewing registration as a registered dental assistant, as well as standards for the suspension or revocation of registration.

3. Individuals employed as a dental assistant as of July 1, 2001, shall be registered with the board and receive a certificate of registration, and individuals employed as a dental assistant after July 1, 2001, shall have a sixty-day period following their first date of employment after July 1, 2001, to comply with the provisions of subsection 1.

Sec. 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the general assembly that the board of dental examiners adopt rules authorized pursuant to sections 5 and 6 of this Act, to be adopted on or before January 1, 2001. The board shall consider, in adopting rules, recommendations of the scope of practice review committee relating to practice as a dental assistant. The board shall not, however, adopt rules that delegate to a dental assistant any of the following services:

1. Administration of local anesthesia.
2. Placement of sealants.
3. Removal of any plaque, stain, calculus, or hard natural or synthetic material except by toothbrush, floss, or rubber cup coronal polish.

Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 7 of this Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment for the purpose of developing rules for adoption on or before January 1, 2001.

BRENT SIEGRIST
Speaker of the House

MARY E. KRAMER
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 686, Seventy-eighth General Assembly.

ELIZABETH ISAACSON
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Approved *Feb 23*, 2000

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