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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to requirements for licensees under the purview  
2 of the dental board relating to orthodontia services.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. ORTHODONTIA-RELATED SERVICES. The dental board  
2 shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A relating to all of  
3 the following:

4 1. To require that a licensee under the purview of the  
5 dental board who provides treatment for the correction of  
6 malpositions of human teeth or the initial use of orthodontic  
7 appliances shall perform an initial in-person examination of  
8 the teeth and supporting structures of the new patient prior to  
9 beginning orthodontic treatment, unless the patient has been  
10 referred to the licensee by another licensee who performed  
11 the required initial in-person examination. The initial  
12 in-person examination of the patient's teeth and supporting  
13 structures shall include any appropriate conventional or  
14 digital radiographs that are necessary to develop a suitable  
15 orthodontic diagnosis and treatment plan. For the purposes of  
16 this subsection, "new patient" means a person whom a licensee  
17 has not examined, provided care for, or otherwise provided  
18 consultation to during the two-year period immediately prior to  
19 the patient's most recent appointment.

20 2. To require that a licensee who is a dentist shall only  
21 delegate the performance of the scanning of the teeth and  
22 supporting structures of a patient under the supervision of  
23 a dentist to qualified personnel for whom such treatment is  
24 authorized within such person's scope of practice.

25 EXPLANATION

26 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
27 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

28 This bill relates to orthodontia-related services. The  
29 bill requires the dental board to adopt administrative rules  
30 to require that a licensee under the dental board's purview  
31 who provides treatment for the correction of malpositions of  
32 human teeth or initial use of orthodontic appliances to perform  
33 an initial in-person examination of the teeth and supporting  
34 structures of a new patient prior to beginning orthodontic  
35 treatment, unless the patient has been referred to the licensee

1 by another licensee who performed the required initial  
2 in-person examination. The initial in-person examination of  
3 the patient's teeth and supporting structures must include any  
4 appropriate conventional or digital radiographs necessary to  
5 develop a suitable orthodontic diagnosis and treatment plan.

6 The bill also requires the dental board to adopt  
7 administrative rules to require that a licensee who is a  
8 dentist shall only delegate the performance of the scanning  
9 of the teeth and supporting structures of a patient under the  
10 supervision of a dentist to qualified personnel for whom such  
11 treatment is authorized within such person's scope of practice.