

**Senate File 543 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 543  
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE  
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1202)

(COMPANION TO HF 685 BY  
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES)

**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. NEW SECTION. 153.24 Orthodontia-related  
2 services.

3 1. A licensee under the purview of the board who provides  
4 treatment for the correction of malpositions of human teeth  
5 or the initial use of orthodontic appliances shall not begin  
6 orthodontic treatment on a new patient unless one of the  
7 following conditions is met:

8 a. The licensee performs an initial in-person or  
9 teledentistry examination of the teeth and supporting  
10 structures of the new patient prior to beginning orthodontic  
11 treatment.

12 b. The new patient provides the licensee with the portion  
13 of the dental record taken within the prior six months of  
14 an in-person or teledentistry examination of the teeth and  
15 supporting structures of the new patient prior to the licensee  
16 beginning orthodontic treatment.

17 2. The examination required pursuant to subsection 1 shall  
18 include any appropriate conventional or digital radiographs  
19 or digital imaging that are necessary to develop a suitable  
20 orthodontic diagnosis and treatment plan.

21 3. For the purposes of this section, "new patient" means a  
22 person whom a licensee has not examined, for whom a licensee  
23 has not provided care, or for whom a licensee has not otherwise  
24 provided consultation during the two-year period immediately  
25 prior to the patient's most recent appointment.

26 EXPLANATION

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

29 This bill prohibits a licensee under the purview of the  
30 dental board who provides treatment for the correction of  
31 malpositions of human teeth or the initial use of orthodontic  
32 appliances from beginning orthodontic treatment on a new  
33 patient unless either the licensee performs an initial  
34 in-person or teledentistry examination of the teeth and  
35 supporting structures of the new patient prior to beginning

1 orthodontic treatment, or the new patient provides the licensee  
2 with the portion of the dental record taken within the prior  
3 six months of an in-person or teledentistry examination of the  
4 teeth and supporting structures of the new patient prior to  
5 the licensee beginning orthodontic treatment. The required  
6 examination shall include any appropriate conventional or  
7 digital radiographs or digital imaging that are necessary to  
8 develop a suitable orthodontic diagnosis and treatment plan.  
9 The bill defines "new patient" as a person whom a licensee has  
10 not examined, for whom a licensee has not provided care, or for  
11 whom a licensee has not otherwise provided consultation during  
12 the two-year period immediately prior to the patient's most  
13 recent appointment.