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Overview

This bill establishes licensure and practice limitations for oral health practitioners.

Section

- 1 Oral health practitioner.** Amends §150A.01, by adding subdivision 6b. Defines oral health practitioner.
- 2 Practice of oral health practitioners.** Amends §150A.05, by adding subdivision 1b. Defines the practice of an oral health practitioner.
- 3 Exemptions and exceptions of certain practices and operations.** Amends §150A.05, subd. 2. Adds oral health practitioner students acting under the instruction of a licensed dental professional to the list of individuals exempt from sections 150A.01 to 150A.12.
- 4 Oral health practitioners.** Amends §150A.06, by adding subdivision 1d. Requires applicants to be of good moral character and a graduate of a program that has been approved by the board, or accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation or another board-approved nation accreditation organization.
- 5 Resident dental providers.** Amends §150A.06, by adding subdivision 1e. Requires a graduate of an undergraduate program who is enrolled as a graduate student in an advanced dental education program to obtain a license to practice as a resident dental hygienist or oral health practitioner. This license authorizes practice only under the supervision of a licensed dentist or licensed oral health practitioner.
- 6 Continuing education and professional development waiver.** Amends §150A.06, subd. 2d. Adds the term “oral health practitioner.”
- 7 Fraud in securing licenses or registrations.** Amends §150A.06, subd. 5. Adds the term

“oral health practitioner.”

- 8 Display of name and certificates.** Amends §150A.06, subd. 6. Adds the term “oral health practitioner.”
- 9 Grounds.** Amends §150A.08, subd. 1. Adds the term “oral health practitioner.”
- 10 Costs; additional penalties.** Amends §150A.08, subd. 3a. Adds the term “oral health practitioner.”
- 11 Medical examination.** Amends §150A.08, subd. 5. Adds the term “oral health practitioner.”
- 12 Registration information and procedure.** Amends §150A.09, subd. 1. Adds the term “oral health practitioner.”
- 13 Current address, change of address.** Amends §150A.09, subd. 3. Adds the term “oral health practitioner.”
- 14 Application fees.** Amends §150A.091, subd. 2. Adds a \$100 application fee for oral health practitioners.
- 15 Initial license or registration fees.** Amends §150A.091, subd. 3. Adds a prorated initial fee for an oral health practitioner of \$10 times the number of months of the initial term.
- 16 Biennial license or registration fees.** Amends §150A.091, subd. 5. Adds a \$240 biennial license fee for an oral health practitioner.
- 17 Duplicate license or registration fee.** Amends §150A.091, subd. 8. Adds a \$35 license replacement fee for oral health practitioners.
- 18 Reinstatement fee.** Amends §150A.091, subd. 10. Adds a \$100 reinstatement fee for oral health practitioners.
- 19 Dental assistants.** Amends §150A.10, subd. 2. Makes oral health practitioners responsible for the acts of unlicensed persons within the practitioner’s practice. Permits an oral health practitioner to supervise not more than four registered dental assistants at any one practice setting.
- 20 Dental technicians.** Amends §150A.10, subd. 3. Permits oral health practitioners to issue work orders.
- 21 Restorative procedures.** Amends §150A.10, subd. 4. Permits an oral health practitioner to authorize a licensed dental hygienist or registered dental assistant to perform restorative procedures if a dentist or oral health practitioner is available in the clinic while the procedure is being performed.
- 22 Oral health practitioner.** Creates §150A.105.

Subd. 1. General. Requires an oral health practitioner to practice under the supervision of a Minnesota licensed dentist pursuant to a written collaborative management agreement.

Subd. 2. Limited practice settings. Limits an oral health practitioner’s practice

to low income, uninsured, and underserved patients, or in a dental health professional shortage area.

Subd. 3. Collaborative management agreement. Sets out the requirements of the written agreement between the oral health practitioner and the Minnesota licensed dentist.

Subd. 4. Scope of practice. Lists the services that may be provided by an oral health practitioner within the parameters of the collaborative management agreement. In general, this subdivision permits an oral health practitioner to perform preventive, primary diagnostic, educational, palliative, therapeutic, and restorative oral health services.

Subd. 5. Prescribing authority. Permits an oral health practitioner to prescribe, dispense, and administer analgesics, anti-inflammatories, and antibiotics.

Subd. 6. Application of other laws. Requires a licensed oral health practitioner to practice within the collaborative management agreement and according to this chapter.

Subd. 7. Use of allied dental personnel. Permits an oral health practitioner to supervise no more than four registered dental assistants at any one practice setting. Also permits an oral health practitioner to supervise registered and unregistered dental assistants to the extent permitted by the collaborative management agreement.

Subd. Definitions. Defines “practice settings that serve the low-income, uninsured, and underserved” and “dental health professional shortage area.”

- 23 **Dividing fees.** Amends §150A.11, subd. 4. Adds the term “oral health practitioner.”
- 24 **Violation and defenses.** Amends §150A.12. Adds the term “oral health practitioner.”
- 25 **Patient’s name and social security number.** Amends §150A.21, subd. 1. Adds the term “oral health practitioner.”
- 26 **Failure to comply.** Amends §150A.21, subd. 4. Adds the term “oral health practitioner.”
- 27 **Practitioner.** Amends §151.01, subd. 23. Adds licensed oral health practitioners to the list of licensed professionals who may prescribe, administer, and dispense medications under the pharmacy practice act.
- 28 **Prescribing and filing.** Amends §151.37, subd. 2. Adds the term “oral health practitioner.”
- 29 **Impact of oral health practitioners.** Instructs the Board of Dentistry to evaluate the impact of the use of oral health practitioners. Requires a report to the legislature by January 15, 2014.
- 30 **Repealer.** Repeals §150A.061, oral health practitioner.