

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Bonamici, Dingfelder, Kruse, Whitsett, Prozanski
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 5/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases the penalty for practicing dentistry without a license to a Class C felony carrying a maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment, a fine of \$125,000, or both.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Unlicensed dentists often target the immigrant communities
- Class C felony to practice medicine without a license but Class A misdemeanor to practice dentistry without a license
- Two people have almost died from infection after being negligently treated by an unlicensed dentist

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The crime of practicing dentistry without a license is currently punishable as a Class A misdemeanor carrying a maximum sentence of one year's imprisonment, a fine of \$6250, or both. House Bill 3230 elevates the severity of this crime to a Class C felony carrying a maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment, a fine of \$125,000, or both.