

**B-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 1509**

Ordered by the Senate February 20  
Including Senate Amendments date February 14 and February 20

Sponsored by Senator BATES (Pre-session filed.)

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Authorizes dentists and dental hygienists who are licensed in another state and in good standing to practice dentistry without compensation for specified period of time. [*Authorizes expanded practice dental hygienist to practice dentistry, without supervision of dentist, in certain areas where there is shortage of dental care.*]

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

Relating to health; amending ORS 679.025 and 680.020; and declaring an emergency.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** ORS 679.025 is amended to read:

679.025. (1) A person may not practice dentistry or purport to be a dentist without a valid license to practice dentistry issued by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

(2) The requirements of this section do not apply to:

(a) Dentists licensed in another state making a clinical presentation sponsored by a bona fide dental society or association or an accredited dental educational institution approved by the board.

(b) Bona fide full-time students of dentistry who, during the period of their enrollment and as a part of the course of study in an Oregon accredited dental education program, engage in clinical studies on the premises of such institution or in a clinical setting located off the premises of the institution if the facility, the instructional staff and the course of study to be pursued at the off-premises location meet minimum requirements prescribed by the rules of the board and the clinical study is performed under the direct supervision of a member of the faculty.

(c) Bona fide full-time students of dentistry who, during the period of their enrollment and as a part of the course of study in a dental education program located outside of Oregon that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency, engage in community-based or clinical studies as an elective or required rotation in a clinical setting located in Oregon if the community-based or clinical studies meet minimum requirements prescribed by the rules of the board and are performed under the direct supervision of a member of the faculty of the Oregon Health and Science University School of Dentistry.

(d) Candidates who are preparing for a licensure examination to practice dentistry and whose application has been accepted by the board or its agent, if such clinical preparation is conducted in a clinic located on premises approved for that purpose by the board and if the procedures are limited to examination only. This exception shall exist for a period not to exceed two weeks imme-

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 diately prior to a regularly scheduled licensure examination.

2 (e) Dentists practicing in the discharge of official duties as employees of the United States  
3 Government and any of its agencies.

4 (f) Instructors of dentistry, whether full- or part-time, while exclusively engaged in teaching ac-  
5 tivities and while employed in accredited dental educational institutions.

6 (g) Dentists employed by public health agencies who are not engaged in the direct delivery of  
7 clinical dental services to patients.

8 (h) Persons licensed to practice medicine in the State of Oregon in the regular discharge of their  
9 duties.

10 (i) Persons qualified to perform services relating to general anesthesia or sedation under the  
11 direct supervision of a licensed dentist.

12 **(j) Dentists licensed in another state and in good standing, while practicing dentistry**  
13 **without compensation for no more than five consecutive days in any 12-month period, pro-**  
14 **vided the dentist submits an application to the board at least 10 days before practicing**  
15 **dentistry under this paragraph and the application is approved by the board.**

16 [(j)] (k) Persons practicing dentistry upon themselves as the patient.

17 [(k)] (L) Dental hygienists, dental assistants or dental technicians performing services under the  
18 supervision of a licensed dentist in accordance with the rules adopted by the board.

19 [(L)] (m) A person licensed as a denturist under ORS 680.500 to 680.565 engaged in the practice  
20 of denture technology.

21 [(m)] (n) An expanded practice dental hygienist who renders services authorized by a permit  
22 issued by the board pursuant to ORS 680.200.

23 **SECTION 2.** ORS 680.020 is amended to read:

24 680.020. (1) It is unlawful for any person not otherwise authorized by law to practice dental  
25 hygiene or purport to be a dental hygienist without a valid license to practice dental hygiene issued  
26 by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

27 (2) The requirements of this section do not apply to:

28 (a) Dental hygienists licensed in another state making a clinical presentation sponsored by a  
29 bona fide dental or dental hygiene society or association or an accredited dental or dental hygiene  
30 education program approved by the board.

31 (b) Bona fide students of dental hygiene who engage in clinical studies during the period of their  
32 enrollment and as a part of the course of study in an Oregon dental hygiene education program. The  
33 program must be accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental  
34 Association, or its successor agency, if any, and approved by the board. The clinical study may be  
35 conducted on the premises of the program or in a clinical setting located off the premises. The fa-  
36 cility, the instructional staff, and the course of study at the off-premises location must meet mini-  
37 mum requirements prescribed by the rules of the board, and the clinical study at the off-premises  
38 location must be performed under the direct supervision of a member of the faculty.

39 (c) Bona fide students of dental hygiene who engage in community-based or clinical studies as  
40 an elective or required rotation in a clinical setting located in Oregon during the period of their  
41 enrollment and as a part of the course of study in a dental hygiene education program located out-  
42 side of Oregon. The program must be accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the  
43 American Dental Association or its successor agency. The community-based or clinical studies must:

44 (A) Meet minimum requirements prescribed by the rules of the board; and

45 (B) Be performed under the direct supervision of a member of the faculty of the Oregon Health

1 and Science University School of Dentistry or another Oregon institution with an accredited dental  
2 hygiene education program approved by the board.

3 (d) Students of dental hygiene or graduates of dental hygiene programs who engage in clinical  
4 studies as part of a course of study or continuing education course offered by an institution with a  
5 dental or dental hygiene program. The program must be accredited by the Commission on Dental  
6 Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency.

7 (e) Candidates who are preparing for licensure examination to practice dental hygiene and  
8 whose application has been accepted by the board or its agent, if such clinical preparation is con-  
9 ducted in a clinic located on premises approved for that purpose by the board and if the procedures  
10 are limited to examination only.

11 (f) Dental hygienists practicing in the discharge of official duties as employees of the United  
12 States Government and any of its agencies.

13 (g) Instructors of dental hygiene, whether full- or part-time, while exclusively engaged in teach-  
14 ing activities and while employed in accredited dental hygiene educational programs.

15 (h) Dental hygienists employed by public health agencies who are not engaged in direct delivery  
16 of clinical dental hygiene services to patients.

17 (i) Counselors and health assistants who have been trained in the application of fluoride  
18 varnishes to the teeth of children and who apply fluoride varnishes only to the teeth of children  
19 enrolled in or receiving services from the Women, Infants and Children Program, the Oregon  
20 prekindergarten program or a federal Head Start grant program.

21 **(j) Dental hygienists licensed in another state and in good standing, while practicing**  
22 **dental hygiene without compensation for no more than five consecutive days in any 12-month**  
23 **period, provided the dental hygienist submits an application to the board at least 10 days**  
24 **before practicing dental hygiene under this paragraph and the application is approved by the**  
25 **board.**

26 **SECTION 3. This 2012 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
27 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2012 Act takes effect**  
28 **on its passage.**

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