

**Department of Planning and Budget
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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB282

Patron: Aird

Bill Title: Dental hygienist licensure; dentists eligible to practice in a foreign country or jurisdiction.

Bill Summary: Permits the Board of Dentistry to grant a license to practice dental hygiene to persons who provide proof of graduation from a dental school outside the United States approved by the Board, are eligible to practice dentistry in a country or jurisdiction outside of the United States, and who otherwise meet the existing applicant criteria for licensure as a dental hygienist.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: n/a

Fiscal Summary: Minimal/absorbable fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: This legislation allows for persons who have graduated from an approved dental school outside the United States and who are eligible to practice dentistry in a foreign country or jurisdiction to apply for licensure as a dental hygienist, provided they meet any remaining character and examination requirements for licensure. While this legislation may increase the number of applicants pursuing licensure as a dental hygienist, the Department of Health Professions expects any associated workload increases to be absorbable within existing resources. It is further expected that any costs or workload increases associated with promulgating new regulations for the Board of Dentistry are minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

Other: SB282 may be a companion to HB1036.