



**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 2005 SENATE BILL 95**

September 9, 2005 – Offered by Representative UNDERHEIM.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 447.05; and *to create* 447.055 of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 continuing education for dental hygienists.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, dental hygienists licensed by the Dentistry Examining Board (board) must apply to renew their licenses every two years. This substitute amendment prohibits the board from renewing a license unless a dental hygienist attests that he or she has complied with continuing education requirements created by the substitute amendment. In addition, when applying for renewal, a dental hygienist must attest that he or she has a current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Regarding continuing education, the substitute amendment requires an applicant for renewal to teach, prepare, attend, or otherwise complete, during the two years preceding renewal, 12 credit hours of continuing education, including training in basic life support, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and infection control. This requirement does not apply the first time that a person applies to renew a license, but applies each time thereafter. The required hours may be satisfied by independent study, correspondence, or Internet courses or programs. Not more than two of the required credit hours may be satisfied by training in basic life support or cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and not less than two hours must be satisfied by training in infection control.

The substitute amendment requires the Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL) to biennially consult with the board and the Department of Health

and Family Services (DHFS) regarding the number of credit hours of continuing education required for renewal. After consultation, DRL may promulgate a rule setting the number of hours required for renewal between 12 and 20. Also after consulting with the board and with DHFS, DRL may promulgate rules requiring credit hours in specific clinical subjects. Under the substitute amendment, the board may require proof of compliance with the continuing education requirements.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** 447.05 of the statutes is amended to read:

2 **447.05 Expiration and renewal.** Renewal applications shall be submitted
3 to the department on a form provided by the department on or before the applicable
4 renewal date specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a) and shall include the applicable
5 renewal fee specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a). The examining board may not renew
6 a license to practice dental hygiene unless the applicant for renewal attests that he
7 or she has complied with s. 447.055 and any rules promulgated by the department
8 under s. 447.055 and that he or she has a current certification in cardiopulmonary
9 resuscitation.

10 **SECTION 2.** 447.055 of the statutes is created to read:

11 **447.055 Continuing education.** (1) (a) Except as provided in subs. (3) and
12 (4), a person is not eligible for renewal of a license to practice dental hygiene unless
13 the person has taught, prepared, attended, or otherwise completed, during the
14 2-year period immediately preceding the renewal date specified under s. 440.08 (2)
15 (a), 12 credit hours of continuing education relating to the clinical practice of dental
16 hygiene that is sponsored or recognized by a local, state, regional, national, or
17 international dental, dental hygiene, dental assisting, or medical-related
18 professional organization.

1 (b) Continuing education required under par. (a) may include training in all of
2 the following:

3 1. Basic life support or cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Not more than 2 of the
4 credit hours required under par. (a) may be satisfied by such training.

5 2. Infection control. Not less than 2 of the credit hours required under par. (a)
6 must be satisfied by such training.

7 (c) Biennially, beginning January 1, 2007, the department shall consult with
8 the examining board and with the department of health and family services
9 regarding the number of credit hours of continuing education required for eligibility
10 for renewal under par. (a). After consulting with the examining board and the
11 department of health and family services, and notwithstanding par. (a), the
12 department may promulgate a rule requiring not more than 20 nor less than 12
13 credit hours of continuing education for eligibility for renewal.

14 (d) After consultation with the examining board and with the department of
15 health and family services, the department may promulgate rules requiring that
16 continuing education credit hours under par. (a) include courses in specific clinical
17 subjects.

18 **(2)** The credit hours required under sub. (1) (a) may be satisfied by independent
19 study, correspondence, or Internet programs or courses.

20 **(3)** Subsection (1) (a) does not apply to an applicant for renewal of a license that
21 expires on the first renewal date after the date on which the examining board
22 initially granted the license.

23 **(4)** A person may substitute credit hours of college level courses related to the
24 practice of dental hygiene for the credit hours required under sub. (1) (a). For

1 purposes of this subsection, one credit hour of a college level course is equivalent to
2 6 credit hours of continuing education.

3 (5) For purposes of sub. (1) (a), one hour of teaching or preparing a continuing
4 education program is equivalent to one credit hour of continuing education, but a
5 person who teaches or prepares a continuing education program may obtain credit
6 for the program only once.

7 (6) The examining board may require applicants for renewal of a license to
8 practice dental hygiene to submit proof of compliance with the requirements of this
9 section.

10 **SECTION 3. Effective date.**

11 (1) This act takes effect on November 1, 2005, or on the day after publication,
12 whichever is later.

13 (END)