



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 385

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- 1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 146.89 (3) (c); and *to create* 146.89 (3) (b) 8. of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** permitting dentists to perform simple tooth extractions under the
3 volunteer health care provider program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, in certain counties, nonprofit agencies that are approved by the department of administration provide health care services primarily to low-income persons who are uninsured and who are not recipients of medical assistance or medicare. The nonprofit agency may provide all of the following services:

1. Diagnostic tests.
2. Health education.
3. Information about available health care resources.
4. Office visits.
5. Patient advocacy.
6. Prescriptions.
7. Referrals to health care specialists.

Under this bill, the nonprofit agency may also provide dental services, including simple tooth extractions and any necessary suturing related to the extractions, performed by a dentist who is a volunteer health provider.

