

2003 SENATE BILL 225

August 13, 2003 – Introduced by Senators ROESSLER, BROWN, HARSDORF, KANAVAS, LAZICH, SCHULTZ and ROBSON, cosponsored by Representatives FREESE, JESKEWITZ, GUNDERSON, HAHN, KREIBICH, J. LEHMAN, LOEFFELHOLZ, MILLER, MUSSER, OLSEN, OTT, OWENS, PETROWSKI, SERATTI, VAN ROY, VRAKAS, TAYLOR, HUBER, SHILLING and PLOUFF. Referred to Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care.

- 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. Under this bill, the board may not renew a license unless a dental hygienist attests that he or she has complied with continuing education requirements. 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 bill requires an applicant for renewal to attest that he or she has taught, attended, or otherwise completed, during the preceding two years, 20 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 the second time and each time thereafter. No more than two of the required 20 hours may be satisfied by training in basic life support or cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and no less than two of the hours must be satisfied by training in infection control. Also, no more than ten of the hours may be satisfied by self-study, correspondence, or Internet courses or programs. In addition, an applicant for renewal is allowed to substitute uncompensated hours of voluntary activities related to dental hygiene for no more than five of the hours.

Finally, the examining board may require submission of proof of compliance with the continuing education requirements. The board may require such proof on a random basis, or another basis determined by the board.

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For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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 that he or she has a current certification in
8 cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

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

10 **447.055 Continuing education. (1)** Except as provided in subs. (3) and (4),
11 a person is not eligible for renewal of a license to practice dental hygiene unless he
12 or she has taught, attended, or otherwise completed, during the 2-year period
13 immediately preceding the renewal date specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a), 20 credit
14 hours of continuing education, including training in all of the following:

15 (a) Basic life support or cardiopulmonary resuscitation. No more than 2 of the
16 credit hours required under this subsection may be satisfied by such training.

17 (b) Infection control. No less than 2 of the credit hours required under this
18 subsection must be satisfied by such training.

19 **(2)** No more than 10 of the credit hours required under sub. (1) may be satisfied
20 by self-study, correspondence, or Internet programs or courses.

