

# State of Wisconsin



2005 Senate Bill 95

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## 2005 WISCONSIN ACT 318

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) Subsection (1) (a) does not apply to an applicant for renewal of a license that expires on the first renewal

\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2003-04 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].

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date after the date on which the examining board initially granted the license.

(4) A person may substitute credit hours of college level courses related to the practice of dental hygiene for the credit hours required under sub. (1) (a). For purposes of this subsection, one credit hour of a college level course is equivalent to 6 credit hours of continuing education.

(5) For purposes of sub. (1) (a), one hour of teaching or preparing a continuing education program is equiva-

lent to one credit hour of continuing education, but a person who teaches or prepares a continuing education program may obtain credit for the program only once.

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

**SECTION 3. Effective date.**

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

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