

2007 SENATE BILL 70

February 26, 2007 – Introduced by Senators ERPENBACH, DARLING, LEHMAN, HANSEN, COWLES, PLALE, SCHULTZ, OLSEN, MILLER, RISSER and ROESSLER, cosponsored by Representatives MOLEPSKE, STRACHOTA, MURSAU, ZIEGELBAUER, KERKMAN, BERCEAU, ZEPNICK, SOLETSKI, BIES, ALBERS, A. OTT, STASKUNAS, MASON, HINES, SEIDEL, TURNER and CULLEN. Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 447.055 (title); and *to create* 447.02 (1) (f) and 447.056 of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** continuing education for dentists and granting
3 rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, dentists licensed by the Dentistry Examining Board (board) must apply to the board to renew their licenses every two years. This bill prohibits the board from renewing a dentist's license unless the dentist has taught, prepared, attended, or otherwise completed 30 credit hours of continuing education related to the practice of dentistry, including not less than 25 credit hours of instruction in clinical dentistry or clinical medicine. Under the bill, credit hours completed before the two-year period immediately preceding renewal may not be applied to satisfy the credit hours required for renewal. The bill authorizes the board to waive the continuing education requirements in exceptional circumstances and requires a dentist to keep a written record of continuing education he or she completes. Under the bill, the board may require a dentist to prove compliance with the continuing education requirement when the dentist applies for license renewal.

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:

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1 **SECTION 1.** 447.02 (1) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

2 447.02 (1) (f) Governing compliance with continuing education requirements
3 under s. 447.056.

4 **SECTION 2.** 447.055 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 **447.055 (title) Continuing education; dental hygienists.**

6 **SECTION 3.** 447.056 of the statutes is created to read:

7 **447.056 Continuing education; dentists. (1)** Except as provided in subs.
8 (2) to (4), a person is not eligible for renewal of a license to practice dentistry unless
9 the person has taught, prepared, attended, or otherwise completed, during the
10 2-year period immediately preceding the renewal date specified under s. 440.08 (2)
11 (a), 30 credit hours of continuing education related to the practice of dentistry or the
12 practice of medicine, including not less than 25 credit hours of instruction in clinical
13 dentistry or clinical medicine. Continuing education does not satisfy the
14 requirements under this subsection unless the continuing education is one of the
15 following:

16 (a) Sponsored or recognized by a local, state, regional, national, or
17 international dental or medical professional organization.

18 (b) A college-level course that is offered by a postsecondary institution
19 accredited by the American Dental Association commission on dental accreditation
20 or a successor agency, or by another recognized accrediting body.

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

