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FOR 2019-2021 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

1. *Licensure of dental therapists*

Under current law, dentists and dental hygienists are licensed by the Dentistry Examining Board to practice dentistry and dental hygiene, respectively. This bill provides for the licensure of a third type of dental practitioner, dental therapists. Under the bill, the board must grant a dental therapist license to an individual who satisfies certain criteria, including completion of a dental therapy program and passage of required examinations.

Dental therapists may provide dental therapy services only under the general supervision of a dentist with whom the dental therapist has a collaborative management agreement that addresses various aspects of the dental therapist's practice. Supervision by a dentist requires the dentist's prior knowledge and consent, but does not require the presence of the dentist at the time a task or procedure is being performed or prior examination or diagnosis of a patient by a dentist prior to the provision of dental therapy services by a dental therapist. Dental therapists are, subject to the terms of a collaborative management agreement, limited to providing services, treatments, and procedures that are specified in the bill, as well as additional services, treatments, or procedures specified by the board

by rule. In addition, dental therapists may only, until July 1, 2024, practice in federally defined dental health shortage areas. Dental therapists must complete 12 hours of continuing education each biennium.

The bill subjects dental therapists to, or covers dental therapists under, various other laws, including the health care records law, the volunteer health care provider program, the health care worker protection law, and the emergency volunteer health care practitioner law. The bill also provides for loan forgiveness for dental therapists under the health care provider loan assistance program.

Finally, the bill requires, effective when the first individual becomes licensed as a dental therapist in this state, that two dental therapists be added to the board.

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.** 15.405 (6) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

2 15.405 (6) (am) Two dental therapists who are licensed under ch. 447.

3 **SECTION 2.** 36.61 (1) (ak) of the statutes is created to read:

4 36.61 (1) (ak) "Dental therapist" means an individual licensed under s. 447.04
5 (1m).

6 **SECTION 3.** 36.61 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 36.61 (1) (b) "Health care provider" means a dental therapist, dental hygienist,
8 physician assistant, nurse-midwife, or nurse practitioner.

9 **SECTION 4.** 36.61 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 36.61 (3) (a) The board shall enter into a written agreement with the health
11 care provider. In the agreement, the health care provider shall agree to practice at
12 least 32 clinic hours per week for 3 years in one or more eligible practice areas in this
13 state or in a rural area, except that a health care provider in the expanded loan
14 assistance program under sub. (8) who is not a dental therapist or dental hygienist

1 may only agree to practice at a public or private nonprofit entity in a health
2 professional shortage area.

3 **SECTION 5.** 36.61 (5) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 36.61 (5) (b) 1. The degree to which there is an extremely high need for medical
5 care in the eligible practice area, health professional shortage area, or rural area in
6 which an eligible applicant who is not a dental therapist or dental hygienist desires
7 to practice and the degree to which there is an extremely high need for dental care
8 in the dental health shortage area or rural area in which an eligible applicant who
9 is a dental therapist or dental hygienist desires to practice.

10 **SECTION 6.** 36.61 (8) (c) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

11 36.61 (8) (c) 3. Practice at a public or private nonprofit entity in a health
12 professional shortage area, if the health care provider is not a dental therapist or
13 dental hygienist, or in a dental health shortage area, if the health care provider is
14 a dental therapist or dental hygienist.

15 **SECTION 7.** 146.81 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 146.81 (1) (c) A dentist or dental therapist licensed under ch. 447.

17 **SECTION 8.** 146.89 (1) (r) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

18 146.89 (1) (r) 1. Licensed as a physician under ch. 448, a dentist, dental
19 therapist, or dental hygienist under ch. 447, a registered nurse, practical nurse, or
20 nurse-midwife under ch. 441, an optometrist under ch. 449, a physician assistant
21 under ch. 448, a pharmacist under ch. 450, a chiropractor under ch. 446, a podiatrist
22 under subch. IV of ch. 448, or a physical therapist under subch. III of ch. 448.

23 **SECTION 9.** 146.89 (1) (r) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

24 146.89 (1) (r) 5. An individual who holds a valid, unexpired license,
25 certification, or registration issued by another state or territory that authorizes or

1 qualifies the individual to perform acts that are substantially the same as those acts
2 that an individual who is described in subds. 1. to 4., except a dentist, dental
3 therapist, or dental hygienist, is licensed or certified to perform and who performs
4 acts that are within the scope of that license, certification, or registration.

5 **SECTION 10.** 146.89 (3) (b) 8. of the statutes is amended to read:

6 146.89 (3) (b) 8. Dental services, including tooth extractions and other
7 procedures done under local anesthesia only and any necessary suturing related to
8 the extractions, performed by a dentist or dental therapist who is a volunteer health
9 provider; and dental hygiene services, performed by a dental hygienist who is a
10 volunteer health provider.

11 **SECTION 11.** 146.89 (3m) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 146.89 (3m) (intro.) A volunteer health care provider who is a dentist or dental
13 therapist may provide dental services or a volunteer health care provider who is a
14 dental hygienist may provide dental hygiene services, to persons who are recipients
15 of Medical Assistance, if all of the following apply:

16 **SECTION 12.** 146.997 (1) (d) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 146.997 (1) (d) 3. A dentist or dental therapist licensed under ch. 447.

18 **SECTION 13.** 155.01 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 155.01 (7) "Health care provider" means a nurse licensed or permitted under
20 ch. 441, a chiropractor licensed under ch. 446, a dentist or dental therapist licensed
21 under ch. 447, a physician, physician assistant, perfusionist, podiatrist, physical
22 therapist, physical therapist assistant, occupational therapist, or occupational
23 therapy assistant licensed under ch. 448, a person practicing Christian Science
24 treatment, an optometrist licensed under ch. 449, a psychologist licensed under ch.
25 455, a partnership thereof, a corporation or limited liability company thereof that

1 provides health care services, a cooperative health care association organized under
2 s. 185.981 that directly provides services through salaried employees in its own
3 facility, or a home health agency, as defined in s. 50.49 (1) (a).

4 **SECTION 14.** 252.14 (1) (ar) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 252.14 (1) (ar) 3. A dentist or dental therapist licensed under ch. 447.

6 **SECTION 15.** 257.01 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 257.01 (5) (a) An individual who is licensed as a physician, a physician
8 assistant, or a podiatrist under ch. 448, licensed as a registered nurse, licensed
9 practical nurse, or nurse-midwife under ch. 441, licensed as a dentist or dental
10 therapist under ch. 447, licensed as a pharmacist under ch. 450, licensed as a
11 veterinarian or certified as a veterinary technician under ch. 89, or certified as a
12 respiratory care practitioner under ch. 448.

13 **SECTION 16.** 257.01 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 257.01 (5) (b) An individual who was at any time within the previous 10 years,
15 but is not currently, licensed as a physician, a physician assistant, or a podiatrist
16 under ch. 448, licensed as a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse or
17 nurse-midwife, under ch. 441, licensed as a dentist or dental therapist under ch. 447,
18 licensed as a pharmacist under ch. 450, licensed as a veterinarian or certified as a
19 veterinary technician under ch. 89, or certified as a respiratory care practitioner
20 under ch. 448, if the individual's license or certification was never revoked, limited,
21 suspended, or denied renewal.

22 **SECTION 17.** 440.03 (13) (b) 20m. of the statutes is created to read:

23 440.03 (13) (b) 20m. Dental therapist.

24 **SECTION 18.** 440.08 (2) (a) 25m. of the statutes is created to read:

25 440.08 (2) (a) 25m. Dental therapist: October 1 of each odd-numbered year.

1 **SECTION 19.** 447.01 (6g) of the statutes is created to read:

2 447.01 **(6g)** “Dental therapist” means an individual who practices dental
3 therapy.

4 **SECTION 20.** 447.01 (6r) of the statutes is created to read:

5 447.01 **(6r)** “Dental therapy” means the limited practice of dentistry, consisting
6 of the services, treatments, and procedures specified in s. 447.06 (3) (b).

7 **SECTION 21.** 447.02 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 447.02 **(1)** (a) Governing the reexamination of an applicant who fails an
9 examination specified in s. 447.04 (1) (a) 5., (1m) (a) 5., or (2) (a) 5. The rules may
10 specify additional educational requirements for those applicants and may specify the
11 number of times an applicant may be examined.

12 **SECTION 22.** 447.02 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 447.02 **(1)** (b) Governing the standards and conditions for the use of radiation
14 and ionizing equipment in the practice of dentistry or dental therapy.

15 **SECTION 23.** 447.02 (1) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

16 447.02 **(1)** (g) Specifying services, treatments, or procedures, in addition to
17 those specified under s. 447.06 (3) (b) 1. to 28., that are included within the practice
18 of dental therapy.

19 **SECTION 24.** 447.02 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 447.02 **(2)** (a) The conditions for supervision and the degree of supervision
21 required under ss. 447.03 (3) (a), (am), (b) and (d) 2. and 447.065.

22 **SECTION 25.** 447.02 (3) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 447.02 **(3)** (a) (intro.) The examining board may issue a permit authorizing the
24 practice in this state, without compensation, of dentistry, dental therapy, or dental

1 hygiene to an applicant who is licensed to practice dentistry, dental therapy, or dental
2 hygiene in another state, if all of the following apply:

3 **SECTION 26.** 447.02 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 447.02 (3) (a) 2. The examining board determines that the applicant is qualified
5 and satisfies the criteria specified under s. 447.04 (1) (b) 1. to 3., except that the
6 examining board may not require the applicant to pass an examination of state
7 statutes and rules relating to dentistry, dental therapy, or dental hygiene.

8 **SECTION 27.** 447.02 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 447.02 (3) (b) A permit under this subsection shall authorize the practice of
10 dentistry, dental therapy, or dental hygiene in a specified area of the state for a period
11 of time not more than 10 days in a year and may be renewed by the examining board.
12 The examining board may not require an applicant to pay a fee for the issuance or
13 renewal of a permit under this subsection.

14 **SECTION 28.** 447.02 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 447.02 (5) Except as provided in ss. 447.058 and 447.063, nothing in this
16 chapter may be construed as authorizing the examining board to regulate business
17 or administrative support functions or services, that do not constitute the practice
18 of dentistry, dental therapy, or dental hygiene, provided to a business that provides
19 dental or dental hygiene services.

20 **SECTION 29.** 447.03 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

21 447.03 (1m) DENTAL THERAPISTS. Except as provided under sub. (3) and s.
22 447.02 (3), no person may do any of the following unless he or she is licensed to
23 practice dental therapy under this chapter:

24 (a) Practice or offer to practice dental therapy.

1 (b) Represent himself or herself to the public as a dental therapist or use, in
2 connection with his or her name, any title or description that may convey the
3 impression that he or she is a dental therapist.

4 **SECTION 30.** 447.03 (3) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

5 447.03 (3) (am) A dental therapy student who practices dental therapy under
6 the supervision of a dentist in an infirmary, clinic, hospital or other institution
7 connected or associated for training purposes with an accredited dental therapy
8 school.

9 **SECTION 31.** 447.03 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 447.03 (3) (c) An individual licensed to practice dentistry, dental therapy, or
11 dental hygiene in another state or country who practices dentistry, dental therapy,
12 or dental hygiene in a program of dental education or research at the invitation of
13 a group of dentists or practices dentistry, dental therapy, or dental hygiene under the
14 jurisdiction of the army, navy, air force, U.S. public health service, or veterans
15 bureau.

16 **SECTION 32.** 447.04 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

17 447.04 (1m) DENTAL THERAPISTS. (a) The examining board shall grant a license
18 to practice dental therapy to an individual who does all of the following:

19 1. Submits an application for the license to the department on a form provided
20 by the department.

21 2. Pays the fee specified in s. 440.05 (1).

22 3. Submits evidence satisfactory to the examining board that he or she has done
23 one of the following:

24 a. Graduated from an accredited dental therapy education program.

1 b. Graduated from a dental therapy education program that was not accredited
2 at the time of graduation, but was accredited or approved by a state dental licensing
3 board, was certified as a community health aide program dental therapy education
4 program under U.S. Indian health service standards, or is otherwise approved by the
5 examining board as being substantially comparable to an accredited program.

6 4. Submits evidence satisfactory to the examining board that he or she has
7 passed a national board dental therapy examination and a dental therapy clinical
8 examination administered by a regional testing service that has been approved by
9 the examining board to administer clinical examinations for dental professionals.
10 If a national board examination or a regional testing service examination for dental
11 therapy does not exist, the examining board shall accept evidence of passing an
12 alternative examination administered by another entity or testing service that is
13 approved by the examining board.

14 5. Passes an examination administered by the examining board on the statutes
15 and rules relating to dental therapy.

16 5m. Submits evidence satisfactory to the examining board that he or she has
17 current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an
18 automated external defibrillator achieved through instruction provided by an
19 individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved under s. 46.03
20 (38) to provide such instruction.

21 6. Completes any other requirements established by the examining board by
22 rule that are comparable to and no more restrictive than the requirements
23 established by the board for dentists under sub. (1) (a) 6. and dental hygienists under
24 sub. (2) (a) 6.

1 (b) The examining board may grant a license to practice dental therapy to an
2 individual who is licensed or certified in good standing to practice dental therapy in
3 another state or territory of the United States or in another country, or by the U.S.
4 Indian health service community health aide program, if the applicant complies with
5 all of the following requirements:

6 1. Meets the requirements for licensure established by the examining board by
7 rule. The board shall establish requirements under this subdivision that are
8 comparable to and no more restrictive than the requirements established by the
9 board for dentists under sub. (1) (b) 1. and dental hygienists under sub. (2) (b) 1.

10 2. Submits evidence satisfactory to the examining board that the person has
11 current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an
12 automated external defibrillator achieved through instruction provided by an
13 individual, organization, or institution of higher education qualified to provide such
14 instruction. The examining board shall consult with the department of health
15 services to determine whether an individual, organization, or institution of higher
16 education is qualified to provide instruction under this subdivision.

17 3. Presents the license or certification to the examining board and pays the fee
18 specified under s. 440.05 (2).

19 **SECTION 33.** 447.05 of the statutes is amended to read:

20 **447.05 Expiration and renewal.** Renewal applications shall be submitted
21 to the department on a form provided by the department on or before the applicable
22 renewal date specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a) and shall include the applicable
23 renewal fee determined by the department under s. 440.03 (9) (a). The examining
24 board may not renew a license to practice dentistry unless the applicant for renewal
25 attests that he or she has complied with s. 447.056, that he or she has current

1 proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including and that he or she has
2 current proficiency in the use of an automated external defibrillator achieved
3 through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution of higher
4 education approved under s. 46.03 (38) to provide such instruction. The examining
5 board may not renew a license to practice dental therapy unless the applicant for
6 renewal attests that he or she has complied with s. 447.057 and any rules
7 promulgated under s. 447.057, that he or she has current proficiency in
8 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and that he or she has current proficiency in the use
9 of an automated external defibrillator achieved through instruction provided by an
10 individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved under s. 46.03
11 (38) to provide such instruction. The examining board may not renew a license to
12 practice dental hygiene unless the applicant for renewal attests that he or she has
13 complied with s. 447.055 and any rules promulgated by the examining board under
14 s. 447.055, that he or she has a current certification in cardiopulmonary
15 resuscitation, and that he or she has current proficiency in the use of an automated
16 external defibrillator achieved through instruction provided by an individual,
17 organization, or institution of higher education approved under s. 46.03 (38) to
18 provide such instruction.

19 **SECTION 34.** 447.057 of the statutes is created to read:

20 **447.057 Continuing education; dental therapists.** (1) (a) Except as
21 provided in subs. (3) and (4), a person is not eligible for renewal of a license to practice
22 dental therapy, other than a permit issued under s. 447.02 (3), unless the person has
23 taught, prepared, attended, or otherwise completed, during the 2-year period
24 immediately preceding the renewal date specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a), 12 credit
25 hours of continuing education relating to the clinical practice of dental therapy that

1 is sponsored or recognized by a local, state, regional, national, or international
2 dental, dental therapy, dental hygiene, dental assisting, or medical-related
3 professional organization.

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (4) A person may substitute credit hours of college level courses related to the
19 practice of dental therapy for the credit hours required under sub. (1) (a). For
20 purposes of this subsection, one credit hour of a college level course is equivalent to
21 6 credit hours of continuing education.

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

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

4 **SECTION 35.** 447.06 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 447.06 (1) No contract of employment entered into between a dentist or dental
6 therapist and any other party under which the dentist or dental therapist renders
7 dental services may require the dentist or dental therapist to act in a manner which
8 that violates the professional standards for dentistry or dental therapy set forth in
9 this chapter. Nothing in this subsection limits the ability of the other party to control
10 the operation of the dental practice in a manner in accordance with the professional
11 standards for dentistry or dental therapy set forth in this chapter.

12 **SECTION 36.** 447.06 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

13 447.06 (1m) No contract of employment entered into between a dental
14 therapist and any other party under which the dental therapist is employed to
15 practice dental therapy may require a dental therapist to meet a minimum quota for
16 the number of patients seen or the number of procedures performed.

17 **SECTION 37.** 447.06 (2) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

18 447.06 (2) (a) 3. For a school for the education of dentists, dental therapists,
19 or dental hygienists.

20 **SECTION 38.** 447.06 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 447.06 (2) (b) A dental hygienist may practice dental hygiene or perform
22 remediable procedures under par. (a) 1. only as authorized by a dentist or dental
23 therapist who is licensed to practice dentistry or dental therapy under this chapter
24 and who is present in the facility in which those practices or procedures are
25 performed, except as provided in par. (c).

1 **SECTION 39.** 447.06 (2) (c) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 447.06 (2) (c) (intro.) A dental hygienist may practice dental hygiene or perform
3 remediable procedures under par. (a) 1. if a dentist or dental therapist who is licensed
4 to practice dentistry or dental therapy under this chapter is not present in the facility
5 in which those practices or procedures are performed only if all of the following
6 conditions are met:

7 **SECTION 40.** 447.06 (2) (c) 2. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 447.06 (2) (c) 2. (intro.) The dentist or dental therapist who made the written
9 or oral prescription has examined the patient at least once during the 12-month
10 period immediately preceding:

11 **SECTION 41.** 447.06 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

12 447.06 (3) (a) In this subsection:

- 13 1. "Collaborative management agreement" means an agreement under par. (d).
14 2. "Qualifying dentist" means a dentist who is licensed in this state and who
15 is actively practicing in this state.

16 (b) The scope of practice of a dental therapist shall, subject to the terms of a
17 collaborative management agreement, be limited to providing the following services,
18 treatments, and procedures:

19 1. Oral evaluation and assessment of dental disease and formulation of an
20 individualized treatment plan.

21 2. Identification of oral and systemic conditions requiring evaluation or
22 treatment by dentists, physicians, or other health care providers and managing
23 referrals.

24 3. Comprehensive charting of the oral cavity.

1 4. Oral health instruction and disease prevention education, including
2 nutritional counseling and dietary analysis.

3 5. Exposure and evaluation of radiographic images.

4 6. Dental prophylaxis, including subgingival scaling and polishing procedures.

5 7. Dispensing and administration via the oral or topical route of nonnarcotic
6 analgesic, anti-inflammatory, and antibiotic medications as prescribed by a licensed
7 health care provider.

8 8. Application of topical preventive or prophylactic agents, including fluoride
9 varnish, antimicrobial agents, caries arresting medicaments, and pit and fissure
10 sealants.

11 9. Pulp vitality testing.

12 10. Application of desensitizing medications or resins.

13 11. Fabrication of athletic mouth guards and soft occlusal guards.

14 12. Changing of periodontal dressings.

15 13. Administration of local anesthetic and nitrous oxide.

16 14. Simple extraction of erupted primary teeth.

17 15. Nonsurgical extraction of periodontally diseased permanent teeth with
18 tooth mobility of +3 to +4 to the extent authorized in the dental therapist's
19 collaborative management agreement, except that "dental therapy" does not include
20 the extraction of a tooth that is unerupted, impacted, or fractured or that needs to
21 be sectioned for removal.

22 16. Emergency palliative treatment of dental pain limited to the procedures in
23 this paragraph.

24 17. Preparation and placement of direct restoration in primary and permanent
25 teeth.

- 1 18. Fabrication and placement of single-tooth temporary crowns.
- 2 19. Preparation and placement of preformed crowns on primary teeth.
- 3 20. Indirect and direct pulp capping on permanent teeth.
- 4 21. Indirect pulp capping on primary teeth.
- 5 22. Intraoral suture placement and removal.
- 6 23. Minor adjustment and repair of removable prostheses.
- 7 24. Placement and removal of space maintainers.
- 8 25. Pulpotomy on primary teeth.
- 9 26. Tooth reimplantation and stabilization.
- 10 27. Recementing of a permanent crown.
- 11 28. Any additional services, treatments, or procedures specified in the rules
- 12 promulgated under s. 447.02 (1) (g).

13 (c) 1. A dental therapist licensed under this chapter may provide dental
14 therapy services only under the general supervision of a qualifying dentist with
15 whom the dental therapist has entered into a collaborative management agreement.
16 For purposes of this subdivision, general supervision of a dental therapist by a
17 dentist requires that a task or procedure be performed by a dental therapist with the
18 prior knowledge and consent of the dentist, but does not require the presence of the
19 dentist in the office or on the premises at the time a task or procedure is being
20 performed by the dental therapist and does not require prior examination or
21 diagnosis of a patient by the dentist before the dental therapist provides dental
22 therapy services to the patient.

23 2. A supervising dentist shall accept responsibility for all services performed
24 by a dental therapist pursuant to a collaborative management agreement. If services
25 needed by a patient are beyond the dental therapist's scope of practice or

1 authorization under the collaborative management agreement, the dental therapist
2 shall, to the extent required under the collaborative management agreement,
3 consult with the supervising dentist as needed to arrange for those services to be
4 provided by a dentist or another qualified health care professional.

5 (d) 1. Prior to providing any dental therapy services, a dental therapist shall
6 enter into a written collaborative management agreement with a qualifying dentist
7 who will serve as a supervising dentist under par. (c). The agreement must be signed
8 by the dental therapist and the qualifying dentist and address all of the following:

9 a. The practice settings where services may be provided and the patient
10 populations that may be served.

11 b. Any conditions or limitations on the services that may be provided by the
12 dental therapist, the level of supervision required, and any circumstances requiring
13 consultation prior to performing services.

14 c. Age-specific and procedure-specific practice protocols.

15 d. Dental record-keeping procedures.

16 e. Plans for managing dental or medical emergencies.

17 f. A quality assurance plan for monitoring care provided by the dental
18 therapist.

19 g. Protocols for administering and dispensing medications.

20 h. Criteria or protocols relating to the provision of care to patients with specific
21 medical conditions, treatments, or medications.

22 i. Policies relating to supervision of dental hygienists and other staff.

23 j. A plan for the referral of patients to other dental or health care professionals
24 or clinics when services needed are beyond the scope of practice or authorization of
25 the dental therapist.

1 k. Whether and to what extent the dental therapist may perform services
2 described in par. (b) 15.

3 2. a. A collaborative management agreement shall be limited to covering one
4 qualifying dentist and one dental therapist.

5 b. A dental therapist may enter into multiple collaborative management
6 agreements.

7 c. No dentist may have collaborative management agreements with more than
8 5 dental therapists at any time.

9 (e) A dental therapist may practice only in a dental health professional
10 shortage area, as defined in s. 36.60 (1) (ad). This paragraph does not apply after
11 June 30, 2024.

12 **SECTION 42.** 447.065 of the statutes is amended to read:

13 **447.065 Delegation of remediable procedures and dental practices. (1)**

14 A dentist or dental therapist who is licensed to practice dentistry under this chapter
15 may delegate to an individual who is not licensed under this chapter only the
16 performance of remediable procedures, and only if all of the following conditions are
17 met:

18 (a) The unlicensed individual performs the remediable procedures in
19 accordance with a treatment plan approved by the dentist or dental therapist.

20 (b) The dentist or dental therapist is on the premises when the unlicensed
21 individual performs the remediable procedures.

22 (c) The unlicensed individual's performance of the remediable procedures is
23 subject to inspection by the dentist or dental therapist.

24 **(2)** Subject to the requirements under s. 447.06 (2), a dentist or dental therapist
25 who is licensed to practice dentistry under this chapter may delegate to a dental

1 hygienist who is licensed to practice dental hygiene under this chapter the
2 performance of remediable procedures and the administration of oral systemic
3 premedications, local anesthesia, nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia, and
4 subgingival sustained release chemotherapeutic agents, to the extent the dentist or
5 dental therapist has the authority to perform the activity personally.

6 (3) A dentist or dental therapist who delegates to another individual the
7 performance of any practice or remediable procedure is responsible for that
8 individual's performance of that delegated practice or procedure.

9 SECTION 43. 447.07 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 447.07 (1) The examining board may, without further notice or process, limit,
11 suspend, or revoke the license or certificate of any dentist, dental therapist, or dental
12 hygienist, or the registration of a mobile dentistry program registrant, who fails,
13 within 60 days after the mailing of written notice to the dentist's, dental therapist's,
14 dental hygienist's, or registrant's last-known address, to renew the license,
15 certificate, or registration.

16 SECTION 44. 447.07 (3) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 447.07 (3) (intro.) Subject to the rules promulgated under s. 440.03 (1), the
18 examining board may make investigations and conduct hearings in regard to any
19 alleged action of any dentist, dental therapist, or dental hygienist, of a mobile
20 dentistry program registrant, or of any other person it has reason to believe is
21 engaged in or has engaged in the practice of dentistry, dental therapy, or dental
22 hygiene, or the operation of a mobile dentistry program, in this state, and may, on
23 its own motion, or upon complaint in writing, reprimand any dentist, dental
24 therapist, or dental hygienist who is licensed or certified under this chapter, or any
25 mobile dentistry program registrant, or deny, limit, suspend, or revoke his or her

1 license or certificate, or the registration of the mobile dentistry program registrant,
2 if it finds that the dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, or mobile dentistry
3 program registrant has done any of the following:

4 **SECTION 45.** 447.07 (3) (e) to (h) of the statutes are amended to read:

5 447.07 (3) (e) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.335, been convicted of a
6 crime, the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice of dentistry,
7 dental therapy, or dental hygiene or the operation of a mobile dentistry program.

8 (f) Violated this chapter or any federal or state statute or rule that relates to
9 the practice of dentistry, dental therapy, or dental hygiene, or the operation of a
10 mobile dentistry program.

11 (g) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.34, practiced dentistry, dental
12 therapy, or dental hygiene while his or her ability was impaired by alcohol or other
13 drugs.

14 (h) Engaged in conduct that indicates a lack of knowledge of, an inability to
15 apply or the negligent application of, principles or skills of dentistry, dental therapy,
16 or dental hygiene.

17 **SECTION 46.** 447.40 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 **447.40 Informed consent.** (intro.) Any dentist or dental therapist who treats
19 a patient shall inform the patient about the availability of reasonable alternate
20 modes of treatment and about the benefits and risks of these treatments. The
21 reasonable dentist standard is the standard for informing a patient under this
22 section. The reasonable dentist standard requires disclosure only of information
23 that a reasonable dentist would know and disclose under the circumstances. The
24 dentist's or dental therapist's duty to inform the patient under this section does not
25 require disclosure of any of the following:

1 **SECTION 47.** 447.40 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 447.40 (6) Information about alternate modes of treatment for any condition
3 the dentist or dental therapist has not included in his or her diagnosis, assessment,
4 or treatment plan at the time the dentist or dental therapist informs the patient.

5 **SECTION 48.** 448.03 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 448.03 (2) (a) Any person lawfully practicing within the scope of a license,
7 permit, registration, certificate or certification granted to practice midwifery under
8 subch. XIII of ch. 440, to practice professional or practical nursing or
9 nurse-midwifery under ch. 441, to practice chiropractic under ch. 446, to practice
10 dentistry, dental therapy, or dental hygiene under ch. 447, to practice optometry
11 under ch. 449, to practice acupuncture under ch. 451 or under any other statutory
12 provision, or as otherwise provided by statute.

13 **SECTION 49.** 448.21 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 448.21 (1) (a) The practice of dentistry, dental therapy, or dental hygiene within
15 the meaning of ch. 447.

16 **SECTION 50.** 450.03 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 450.03 (1) (e) Any person lawfully practicing within the scope of a license,
18 permit, registration, certificate, or certification granted to provide home medical
19 oxygen under s. 450.076, to practice professional or practical nursing or
20 nurse-midwifery under ch. 441, to practice dentistry, dental therapy, or dental
21 hygiene under ch. 447, to practice medicine and surgery under ch. 448, to practice
22 optometry under ch. 449 or to practice veterinary medicine under ch. 89, or as
23 otherwise provided by statute.

24 **SECTION 51.** 450.10 (3) (a) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

25 450.10 (3) (a) 4. A dentist or dental therapist licensed under ch. 447.

1 **SECTION 52.** 462.02 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 462.02 (2) (d) A dentist licensed under s. 447.04 (1), a dental therapist licensed
3 under s. 447.04 (1m), a dental hygienist licensed under s. 447.04 (2), or a person
4 under the direct supervision of a dentist.

5 **SECTION 53.** 462.04 of the statutes is amended to read:

6 **462.04 Prescription or order required.** A person who holds a license or
7 limited X-ray machine operator permit under this chapter may not use diagnostic
8 X-ray equipment on humans for diagnostic purposes unless authorized to do so by
9 prescription or order of a physician licensed under s. 448.04 (1) (a), a dentist licensed
10 under s. 447.04 (1), a dental therapist licensed under s. 447.04 (1m), a podiatrist
11 licensed under s. 448.63, a chiropractor licensed under s. 446.02, an advanced
12 practice nurse certified under s. 441.16 (2), a physician assistant licensed under s.
13 448.04 (1) (f), or, subject to s. 448.56 (7) (a), a physical therapist licensed under s.
14 448.53.

15 **SECTION 54.** 463.10 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 463.10 (5) EXCEPTION. Subsections (2) to (4m) do not apply to a dentist ~~who is~~
17 ~~licensed under s. 447.03 (1) or to a~~, dental therapist, or physician who tattoos or
18 offers to tattoo a person in the course of the dentist's, dental therapist's, or physician's
19 professional practice.

20 **SECTION 55.** 463.12 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 463.12 (5) EXCEPTION. Subsections (2) to (4m) do not apply to a dentist ~~who is~~
22 ~~licensed under s. 447.03 (1) or to a~~, dental therapist, or physician who pierces the
23 body of or offers to pierce the body of a person in the course of the dentist's, dental
24 therapist's, or physician's professional practice.

25 **SECTION 56.** 632.87 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 632.87 (4) No policy, plan or contract may exclude coverage for diagnosis and
2 treatment of a condition or complaint by a licensed dentist or dental therapist within
3 the scope of the dentist's or dental therapist's license, if the policy, plan or contract
4 covers diagnosis and treatment of the condition or complaint by another health care
5 provider, as defined in s. 146.81 (1) (a) to (p).

6 **SECTION 57.** 895.48 (1m) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 895.48 (1m) (a) (intro.) Except as provided in par. (b), any physician, physician
8 assistant, podiatrist, or athletic trainer licensed under ch. 448, chiropractor licensed
9 under ch. 446, dentist or dental therapist licensed under ch. 447, emergency medical
10 services practitioner licensed under s. 256.15, emergency medical responder
11 certified under s. 256.15 (8), registered nurse licensed under ch. 441, or a massage
12 therapist or bodywork therapist licensed under ch. 460 who renders voluntary health
13 care to a participant in an athletic event or contest sponsored by a nonprofit
14 corporation, as defined in s. 66.0129 (6) (b), a private school, as defined in s. 115.001
15 (3r), a tribal school, as defined in s. 115.001 (15m), a public agency, as defined in s.
16 46.856 (1) (b), or a school, as defined in s. 609.655 (1) (c), is immune from civil liability
17 for his or her acts or omissions in rendering that care if all of the following conditions
18 exist:

19 **SECTION 58.** 895.48 (1m) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

20 895.48 (1m) (a) 2. The physician, podiatrist, athletic trainer, chiropractor,
21 dentist, dental therapist, emergency medical services practitioner, as defined in s.
22 256.01 (5), emergency medical responder, as defined in s. 256.01 (4p), physician
23 assistant, registered nurse, massage therapist or bodywork therapist does not
24 receive compensation for the health care, other than reimbursement for expenses.

25 **SECTION 59.** 941.315 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 941.315 (5) (a) Subsection (2) does not apply to a person to whom nitrous oxide
2 is administered for the purpose of providing medical or dental care, if the nitrous
3 oxide is administered by a physician ~~or, dentist, or dental therapist~~ or at the direction
4 or under the supervision of a physician ~~or, dentist, or dental therapist~~.

5 (b) Subsection (3) does not apply to the administration of nitrous oxide by a
6 physician ~~or, dentist, or dental therapist~~, or by another person at the direction or
7 under the supervision of a physician ~~or, dentist, or dental therapist~~, for the purpose
8 of providing medical or dental care.

9 (c) Subsection (3) (c) does not apply to the sale to a hospital, health care clinic
10 or other health care organization or to a physician ~~or, dentist, or dental therapist~~ of
11 any object used, designed for use or primarily intended for use in administering
12 nitrous oxide for the purpose of providing medical or dental care.

13 **SECTION 9138. Nonstatutory provisions; Safety and Professional**
14 **Services.**

15 (1) DENTAL THERAPIST LICENSURE.

16 (a) When the first individual becomes licensed as a dental therapist in this
17 state under s. 447.04 (1m), the dentistry examining board shall send a notice to the
18 legislative reference bureau for publication in the Wisconsin Administrative
19 Register.

20 (b) 1. The dentistry examining board shall promulgate emergency rules under
21 s. 227.24 that are necessary to implement the licensure of dental therapist under this
22 act. Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (c) and (2), emergency rules promulgated under
23 this subdivision remain in effect for 2 years, or until the date on which permanent
24 rules take effect, whichever is sooner. Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (a) and (3), the
25 board is not required to provide evidence that promulgating a rule under this

1 subdivision as an emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of the public
2 peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to provide a finding of emergency
3 for a rule promulgated under this subdivision.

4 2. The dentistry examining board shall present a statement of scope for
5 permanent and emergency rules required to implement the licensure of dental
6 therapist under this act to the department of administration under s. 227.135 (2) no
7 later than the 30th day after the effective date of this subdivision. Notwithstanding
8 s. 227.135 (2), if the governor does not disapprove the statement of scope by the 30th
9 day after the statement is presented to the department of administration, the
10 statement is considered to be approved by the governor.

11 3. The dentistry examining board shall submit a proposed emergency rule
12 required to implement the licensure of dental therapist under this act to the governor
13 for approval under s. 227.24 (1) (e) 1g. no later than the 150th day after the effective
14 date of this subdivision. Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (e) 1g., if the governor does
15 not reject the proposed emergency rule by the 14th day after the rule is submitted
16 to the governor in final draft form, the rule is considered to be approved by the
17 governor.

18 4. The dentistry examining board shall submit a proposed permanent rule
19 required to implement the licensure of dental therapist under this act to the governor
20 for approval under s. 227.185 no later than the 365th day after the effective date of
21 this subdivision. Notwithstanding s. 227.185, if the governor does not reject that
22 proposed permanent rule by the 30th day after the rule is submitted to the governor
23 in final draft form, the rule is considered to be approved by the governor.

24 **SECTION 9438. Effective dates; Safety and Professional Services.**



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SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

1. Licensure of dental therapists

Under current law, dentists and dental hygienists are licensed by the Dentistry Examining Board to practice dentistry and dental hygiene, respectively. This bill provides for the licensure of a third type of dental practitioner, dental therapists. Under the bill, the board must grant a dental therapist license to an individual who satisfies certain criteria, including completion of a dental therapy program and passage of required examinations.

Dental therapists may provide dental therapy services only under the general supervision of a dentist with whom the dental therapist has a collaborative management agreement that addresses various aspects of the dental therapist's practice. Supervision by a dentist requires the dentist's prior knowledge and consent, but does not require the presence of the dentist at the time a task or procedure is being performed or prior examination or diagnosis of a patient by a dentist prior to the provision of dental therapy services by a dental therapist. Dental therapists are, subject to the terms of a collaborative management agreement, limited to providing services, treatments, and procedures that are specified in the bill, as well as additional services, treatments, or procedures specified by the board

by rule. Dental therapists must complete 12 hours of continuing education each biennium.

The bill subjects dental therapists to, or covers dental therapists under, various other laws, including the health care records law, the volunteer health care provider program, the health care worker protection law, and the emergency volunteer health care practitioner law. The bill also provides for loan forgiveness for dental therapists under the health care provider loan assistance program.

Finally, the bill requires, effective when the first individual becomes licensed as a dental therapist in this state, that two dental therapists be added to the board.

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.** 15.405 (6) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

2 15.405 (6) (am) Two dental therapists who are licensed under ch. 447.

3 **SECTION 2.** 36.61 (1) (ak) of the statutes is created to read:

4 36.61 (1) (ak) "Dental therapist" means an individual licensed under s. 447.04
5 (1m).

6 **SECTION 3.** 36.61 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 36.61 (1) (b) "Health care provider" means a dental therapist, dental hygienist,
8 physician assistant, nurse-midwife, or nurse practitioner.

9 **SECTION 4.** 36.61 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 36.61 (3) (a) The board shall enter into a written agreement with the health
11 care provider. In the agreement, the health care provider shall agree to practice at
12 least 32 clinic hours per week for 3 years in one or more eligible practice areas in this
13 state or in a rural area, except that a health care provider in the expanded loan
14 assistance program under sub. (8) who is not a dental therapist or dental hygienist
15 may only agree to practice at a public or private nonprofit entity in a health
16 professional shortage area.

1 **SECTION 5.** 36.61 (5) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

2 36.61 (5) (b) 1. The degree to which there is an extremely high need for medical
3 care in the eligible practice area, health professional shortage area, or rural area in
4 which an eligible applicant who is not a dental therapist or dental hygienist desires
5 to practice and the degree to which there is an extremely high need for dental care
6 in the dental health shortage area or rural area in which an eligible applicant who
7 is a dental therapist or dental hygienist desires to practice.

8 **SECTION 6.** 36.61 (8) (c) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 36.61 (8) (c) 3. Practice at a public or private nonprofit entity in a health
10 professional shortage area, if the health care provider is not a dental therapist or
11 dental hygienist, or in a dental health shortage area, if the health care provider is
12 a dental therapist or dental hygienist.

13 **SECTION 7.** 146.81 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 146.81 (1) (c) A dentist or dental therapist licensed under ch. 447.

15 **SECTION 8.** 146.89 (1) (r) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

16 146.89 (1) (r) 1. Licensed as a physician under ch. 448, a dentist, dental
17 therapist, or dental hygienist under ch. 447, a registered nurse, practical nurse, or
18 nurse-midwife under ch. 441, an optometrist under ch. 449, a physician assistant
19 under ch. 448, a pharmacist under ch. 450, a chiropractor under ch. 446, a podiatrist
20 under subch. IV of ch. 448, or a physical therapist under subch. III of ch. 448.

21 **SECTION 9.** 146.89 (1) (r) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

22 146.89 (1) (r) 5. An individual who holds a valid, unexpired license,
23 certification, or registration issued by another state or territory that authorizes or
24 qualifies the individual to perform acts that are substantially the same as those acts
25 that an individual who is described in subds. 1. to 4., except a dentist, dental

1 therapist, or dental hygienist, is licensed or certified to perform and who performs
2 acts that are within the scope of that license, certification, or registration.

3 **SECTION 10.** 146.89 (3) (b) 8. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 146.89 (3) (b) 8. Dental services, including tooth extractions and other
5 procedures done under local anesthesia only and any necessary suturing related to
6 the extractions, performed by a dentist or dental therapist who is a volunteer health
7 provider; and dental hygiene services, performed by a dental hygienist who is a
8 volunteer health provider.

9 **SECTION 11.** 146.89 (3m) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 146.89 (3m) (intro.) A volunteer health care provider who is a dentist or dental
11 therapist may provide dental services or a volunteer health care provider who is a
12 dental hygienist may provide dental hygiene services, to persons who are recipients
13 of Medical Assistance, if all of the following apply:

14 **SECTION 12.** 146.997 (1) (d) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

15 146.997 (1) (d) 3. A dentist or dental therapist licensed under ch. 447.

16 **SECTION 13.** 155.01 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 155.01 (7) "Health care provider" means a nurse licensed or permitted under
18 ch. 441, a chiropractor licensed under ch. 446, a dentist or dental therapist licensed
19 under ch. 447, a physician, physician assistant, perfusionist, podiatrist, physical
20 therapist, physical therapist assistant, occupational therapist, or occupational
21 therapy assistant licensed under ch. 448, a person practicing Christian Science
22 treatment, an optometrist licensed under ch. 449, a psychologist licensed under ch.
23 455, a partnership thereof, a corporation or limited liability company thereof that
24 provides health care services, a cooperative health care association organized under

1 s. 185.981 that directly provides services through salaried employees in its own
2 facility, or a home health agency, as defined in s. 50.49 (1) (a).

3 **SECTION 14.** 252.14 (1) (ar) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 252.14 (1) (ar) 3. A dentist or dental therapist licensed under ch. 447.

5 **SECTION 15.** 257.01 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 257.01 (5) (a) An individual who is licensed as a physician, a physician
7 assistant, or a podiatrist under ch. 448, licensed as a registered nurse, licensed
8 practical nurse, or nurse-midwife under ch. 441, licensed as a dentist or dental
9 therapist under ch. 447, licensed as a pharmacist under ch. 450, licensed as a
10 veterinarian or certified as a veterinary technician under ch. 89, or certified as a
11 respiratory care practitioner under ch. 448.

12 **SECTION 16.** 257.01 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 257.01 (5) (b) An individual who was at any time within the previous 10 years,
14 but is not currently, licensed as a physician, a physician assistant, or a podiatrist
15 under ch. 448, licensed as a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse or
16 nurse-midwife, under ch. 441, licensed as a dentist or dental therapist under ch. 447,
17 licensed as a pharmacist under ch. 450, licensed as a veterinarian or certified as a
18 veterinary technician under ch. 89, or certified as a respiratory care practitioner
19 under ch. 448, if the individual's license or certification was never revoked, limited,
20 suspended, or denied renewal.

21 **SECTION 17.** 440.03 (13) (b) 20m. of the statutes is created to read:

22 440.03 (13) (b) 20m. Dental therapist.

23 **SECTION 18.** 440.08 (2) (a) 25m. of the statutes is created to read:

24 440.08 (2) (a) 25m. Dental therapist: October 1 of each odd-numbered year.

25 **SECTION 19.** 447.01 (6g) of the statutes is created to read:

1 447.01 (6g) "Dental therapist" means an individual who practices dental
2 therapy.

3 **SECTION 20.** 447.01 (6r) of the statutes is created to read:

4 447.01 (6r) "Dental therapy" means the limited practice of dentistry, consisting
5 of the services, treatments, and procedures specified in s. 447.06 (3) (b).

6 **SECTION 21.** 447.02 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 447.02 (1) (a) Governing the reexamination of an applicant who fails an
8 examination specified in s. 447.04 (1) (a) 5., (1m) (a) 5., or (2) (a) 5. The rules may
9 specify additional educational requirements for those applicants and may specify the
10 number of times an applicant may be examined.

11 **SECTION 22.** 447.02 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 447.02 (1) (b) Governing the standards and conditions for the use of radiation
13 and ionizing equipment in the practice of dentistry or dental therapy.

14 **SECTION 23.** 447.02 (1) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

15 447.02 (1) (g) Specifying services, treatments, or procedures, in addition to
16 those specified under s. 447.06 (3) (b) 1. to 28., that are included within the practice
17 of dental therapy.

18 **SECTION 24.** 447.02 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 447.02 (2) (a) The conditions for supervision and the degree of supervision
20 required under ss. 447.03 (3) (a), (am), (b) and (d) 2. and 447.065.

21 **SECTION 25.** 447.02 (3) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 447.02 (3) (a) (intro.) The examining board may issue a permit authorizing the
23 practice in this state, without compensation, of dentistry, dental therapy, or dental
24 hygiene to an applicant who is licensed to practice dentistry, dental therapy, or dental
25 hygiene in another state, if all of the following apply:

1 **SECTION 26.** 447.02 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

2 447.02 (3) (a) 2. The examining board determines that the applicant is qualified
3 and satisfies the criteria specified under s. 447.04 (1) (b) 1. to 3., except that the
4 examining board may not require the applicant to pass an examination of state
5 statutes and rules relating to dentistry, dental therapy, or dental hygiene.

6 **SECTION 27.** 447.02 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 447.02 (3) (b) A permit under this subsection shall authorize the practice of
8 dentistry, dental therapy, or dental hygiene in a specified area of the state for a period
9 of time not more than 10 days in a year and may be renewed by the examining board.
10 The examining board may not require an applicant to pay a fee for the issuance or
11 renewal of a permit under this subsection.

12 **SECTION 28.** 447.02 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 447.02 (5) Except as provided in ss. 447.058 and 447.063, nothing in this
14 chapter may be construed as authorizing the examining board to regulate business
15 or administrative support functions or services, that do not constitute the practice
16 of dentistry, dental therapy, or dental hygiene, provided to a business that provides
17 dental or dental hygiene services.

18 **SECTION 29.** 447.03 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

19 447.03 (1m) DENTAL THERAPISTS. Except as provided under sub. (3) and s.
20 447.02 (3), no person may do any of the following unless he or she is licensed to
21 practice dental therapy under this chapter:

22 (a) Practice or offer to practice dental therapy.

23 (b) Represent himself or herself to the public as a dental therapist or use, in
24 connection with his or her name, any title or description that may convey the
25 impression that he or she is a dental therapist.

1 **SECTION 30.** 447.03 (3) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

2 447.03 (3) (am) A dental therapy student who practices dental therapy under
3 the supervision of a dentist in an infirmary, clinic, hospital or other institution
4 connected or associated for training purposes with an accredited dental therapy
5 school.

6 **SECTION 31.** 447.03 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 447.03 (3) (c) An individual licensed to practice dentistry, dental therapy, or
8 dental hygiene in another state or country who practices dentistry, dental therapy,
9 or dental hygiene in a program of dental education or research at the invitation of
10 a group of dentists or practices dentistry, dental therapy, or dental hygiene under the
11 jurisdiction of the army, navy, air force, U.S. public health service, or veterans
12 bureau.

13 **SECTION 32.** 447.04 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

14 447.04 (1m) DENTAL THERAPISTS. (a) The examining board shall grant a license
15 to practice dental therapy to an individual who does all of the following:

16 1. Submits an application for the license to the department on a form provided
17 by the department.

18 2. Pays the fee specified in s. 440.05 (1).

19 3. Submits evidence satisfactory to the examining board that he or she has done
20 one of the following:

21 a. Graduated from an accredited dental therapy education program.

22 b. Graduated from a dental therapy education program that was not accredited
23 at the time of graduation, but was accredited or approved by a state dental licensing
24 board, was certified as a community health aide program dental therapy education

1 program under U.S. Indian health service standards, or is otherwise approved by the
2 examining board as being substantially comparable to an accredited program.

3 4. Submits evidence satisfactory to the examining board that he or she has
4 passed a national board dental therapy examination and a dental therapy clinical
5 examination administered by a regional testing service that has been approved by
6 the examining board to administer clinical examinations for dental professionals.
7 If a national board examination or a regional testing service examination for dental
8 therapy does not exist, the examining board shall accept evidence of passing an
9 alternative examination administered by another entity or testing service that is
10 approved by the examining board.

11 5. Passes an examination administered by the examining board on the statutes
12 and rules relating to dental therapy.

13 5m. Submits evidence satisfactory to the examining board that he or she has
14 current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an
15 automated external defibrillator achieved through instruction provided by an
16 individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved under s. 46.03
17 (38) to provide such instruction.

18 6. Completes any other requirements established by the examining board by
19 rule that are comparable to and no more restrictive than the requirements
20 established by the board for dentists under sub. (1) (a) 6. and dental hygienists under
21 sub. (2) (a) 6.

22 (b) The examining board may grant a license to practice dental therapy to an
23 individual who is licensed or certified in good standing to practice dental therapy in
24 another state or territory of the United States or in another country, or by the U.S.

1 Indian health service community health aide program, if the applicant complies with
2 all of the following requirements:

3 1. Meets the requirements for licensure established by the examining board by
4 rule. The board shall establish requirements under this subdivision that are
5 comparable to and no more restrictive than the requirements established by the
6 board for dentists under sub. (1) (b) 1. and dental hygienists under sub. (2) (b) 1.

7 2. Submits evidence satisfactory to the examining board that the person has
8 current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an
9 automated external defibrillator achieved through instruction provided by an
10 individual, organization, or institution of higher education qualified to provide such
11 instruction. The examining board shall consult with the department of health
12 services to determine whether an individual, organization, or institution of higher
13 education is qualified to provide instruction under this subdivision.

14 3. Presents the license or certification to the examining board and pays the fee
15 specified under s. 440.05 (2).

16 **SECTION 33.** 447.05 of the statutes is amended to read:

17 **447.05 Expiration and renewal.** Renewal applications shall be submitted
18 to the department on a form provided by the department on or before the applicable
19 renewal date specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a) and shall include the applicable
20 renewal fee determined by the department under s. 440.03 (9) (a). The examining
21 board may not renew a license to practice dentistry unless the applicant for renewal
22 attests that he or she has complied with s. 447.056, that he or she has current
23 proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including and that he or she has
24 current proficiency in the use of an automated external defibrillator achieved
25 through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution of higher

1 education approved under s. 46.03 (38) to provide such instruction. The examining
2 board may not renew a license to practice dental therapy unless the applicant for
3 renewal attests that he or she has complied with s. 447.057 and any rules
4 promulgated under s. 447.057, that he or she has current proficiency in
5 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and that he or she has current proficiency in the use
6 of an automated external defibrillator achieved through instruction provided by an
7 individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved under s. 46.03
8 (38) to provide such instruction. The examining board may not renew a license to
9 practice dental hygiene unless the applicant for renewal attests that he or she has
10 complied with s. 447.055 and any rules promulgated by the examining board under
11 s. 447.055, that he or she has a current certification in cardiopulmonary
12 resuscitation, and that he or she has current proficiency in the use of an automated
13 external defibrillator achieved through instruction provided by an individual,
14 organization, or institution of higher education approved under s. 46.03 (38) to
15 provide such instruction.

16 **SECTION 34.** 447.057 of the statutes is created to read:

17 **447.057 Continuing education; dental therapists.** (1) (a) Except as
18 provided in subs. (3) and (4), a person is not eligible for renewal of a license to practice
19 dental therapy, other than a permit issued under s. 447.02 (3), unless the person has
20 taught, prepared, attended, or otherwise completed, during the 2-year period
21 immediately preceding the renewal date specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a), 12 credit
22 hours of continuing education relating to the clinical practice of dental therapy that
23 is sponsored or recognized by a local, state, regional, national, or international
24 dental, dental therapy, dental hygiene, dental assisting, or medical-related
25 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 (d) After consultation with the department of health services, the examining
8 board may promulgate rules requiring that continuing education credit hours under
9 par. (a) include courses in specific clinical subjects.

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

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

15 (4) A person may substitute credit hours of college level courses related to the
16 practice of dental therapy for the credit hours required under sub. (1) (a). For
17 purposes of this subsection, one credit hour of a college level course is equivalent to
18 6 credit hours of continuing education.

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

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

1 **SECTION 35.** 447.06 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 447.06 (1) No contract of employment entered into between a dentist or dental
3 therapist and any other party under which the dentist or dental therapist renders
4 dental services may require the dentist or dental therapist to act in a manner which
5 that violates the professional standards for dentistry or dental therapy set forth in
6 this chapter. Nothing in this subsection limits the ability of the other party to control
7 the operation of the dental practice in a manner in accordance with the professional
8 standards for dentistry or dental therapy set forth in this chapter.

9 **SECTION 36.** 447.06 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

10 447.06 (1m) No contract of employment entered into between a dental
11 therapist and any other party under which the dental therapist is employed to
12 practice dental therapy may require a dental therapist to meet a minimum quota for
13 the number of patients seen or the number of procedures performed.

14 **SECTION 37.** 447.06 (2) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

15 447.06 (2) (a) 3. For a school for the education of dentists, dental therapists,
16 or dental hygienists.

17 **SECTION 38.** 447.06 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 447.06 (2) (b) A dental hygienist may practice dental hygiene or perform
19 remediable procedures under par. (a) 1. only as authorized by a dentist or dental
20 therapist who is licensed to practice dentistry or dental therapy under this chapter
21 and who is present in the facility in which those practices or procedures are
22 performed, except as provided in par. (c).

23 **SECTION 39.** 447.06 (2) (c) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 447.06 (2) (c) (intro.) A dental hygienist may practice dental hygiene or perform
25 remediable procedures under par. (a) 1. if a dentist or dental therapist who is licensed

1 to practice dentistry or dental therapy under this chapter is not present in the facility
2 in which those practices or procedures are performed only if all of the following
3 conditions are met:

4 **SECTION 40.** 447.06 (2) (c) 2. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 447.06 (2) (c) 2. (intro.) The dentist or dental therapist who made the written
6 or oral prescription has examined the patient at least once during the 12-month
7 period immediately preceding:

8 **SECTION 41.** 447.06 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

9 447.06 (3) (a) In this subsection:

- 10 1. "Collaborative management agreement" means an agreement under par. (d).
11 2. "Qualifying dentist" means a dentist who is licensed in this state and who
12 is actively practicing in this state.

13 (b) The scope of practice of a dental therapist shall, subject to the terms of a
14 collaborative management agreement, be limited to providing the following services,
15 treatments, and procedures:

16 1. Oral evaluation and assessment of dental disease and formulation of an
17 individualized treatment plan.

18 2. Identification of oral and systemic conditions requiring evaluation or
19 treatment by dentists, physicians, or other health care providers and managing
20 referrals.

21 3. Comprehensive charting of the oral cavity.

22 4. Oral health instruction and disease prevention education, including
23 nutritional counseling and dietary analysis.

24 5. Exposure and evaluation of radiographic images.

25 6. Dental prophylaxis, including subgingival scaling and polishing procedures.

1 7. Dispensing and administration via the oral or topical route of nonnarcotic
2 analgesic, anti-inflammatory, and antibiotic medications as prescribed by a licensed
3 health care provider.

4 8. Application of topical preventive or prophylactic agents, including fluoride
5 varnish, antimicrobial agents, caries arresting medicaments, and pit and fissure
6 sealants.

7 9. Pulp vitality testing.

8 10. Application of desensitizing medications or resins.

9 11. Fabrication of athletic mouth guards and soft occlusal guards.

10 12. Changing of periodontal dressings.

11 13. Administration of local anesthetic and nitrous oxide.

12 14. Simple extraction of erupted primary teeth.

13 15. Nonsurgical extraction of periodontally diseased permanent teeth with
14 tooth mobility of +3 to +4 to the extent authorized in the dental therapist's
15 collaborative management agreement, except that "dental therapy" does not include
16 the extraction of a tooth that is unerupted, impacted, or fractured or that needs to
17 be sectioned for removal.

18 16. Emergency palliative treatment of dental pain limited to the procedures in
19 this paragraph.

20 17. Preparation and placement of direct restoration in primary and permanent
21 teeth.

22 18. Fabrication and placement of single-tooth temporary crowns.

23 19. Preparation and placement of preformed crowns on primary teeth.

24 20. Indirect and direct pulp capping on permanent teeth.

25 21. Indirect pulp capping on primary teeth.

1 22. Intraoral suture placement and removal.

2 23. Minor adjustment and repair of removable prostheses.

3 24. Placement and removal of space maintainers.

4 25. Pulpotomy on primary teeth.

5 26. Tooth reimplantation and stabilization.

6 27. Recementing of a permanent crown.

7 28. Any additional services, treatments, or procedures specified in the rules
8 promulgated under s. 447.02 (1) (g).

9 (c) 1. A dental therapist licensed under this chapter may provide dental
10 therapy services only under the general supervision of a qualifying dentist with
11 whom the dental therapist has entered into a collaborative management agreement.
12 For purposes of this subdivision, general supervision of a dental therapist by a
13 dentist requires that a task or procedure be performed by a dental therapist with the
14 prior knowledge and consent of the dentist, but does not require the presence of the
15 dentist in the office or on the premises at the time a task or procedure is being
16 performed by the dental therapist and does not require prior examination or
17 diagnosis of a patient by the dentist before the dental therapist provides dental
18 therapy services to the patient.

19 2. A supervising dentist shall accept responsibility for all services performed
20 by a dental therapist pursuant to a collaborative management agreement. If services
21 needed by a patient are beyond the dental therapist's scope of practice or
22 authorization under the collaborative management agreement, the dental therapist
23 shall, to the extent required under the collaborative management agreement,
24 consult with the supervising dentist as needed to arrange for those services to be
25 provided by a dentist or another qualified health care professional.

1 (d) 1. Prior to providing any dental therapy services, a dental therapist shall
2 enter into a written collaborative management agreement with a qualifying dentist
3 who will serve as a supervising dentist under par. (c). The agreement must be signed
4 by the dental therapist and the qualifying dentist and address all of the following:

5 a. The practice settings where services may be provided and the patient
6 populations that may be served.

7 b. Any conditions or limitations on the services that may be provided by the
8 dental therapist, the level of supervision required, and any circumstances requiring
9 consultation prior to performing services.

10 c. Age-specific and procedure-specific practice protocols.

11 d. Dental record-keeping procedures.

12 e. Plans for managing dental or medical emergencies.

13 f. A quality assurance plan for monitoring care provided by the dental
14 therapist.

15 g. Protocols for administering and dispensing medications.

16 h. Criteria or protocols relating to the provision of care to patients with specific
17 medical conditions, treatments, or medications.

18 i. Policies relating to supervision of dental hygienists and other staff.

19 j. A plan for the referral of patients to other dental or health care professionals
20 or clinics when services needed are beyond the scope of practice or authorization of
21 the dental therapist.

22 k. Whether and to what extent the dental therapist may perform services
23 described in par. (b) 15.

24 2. a. A collaborative management agreement shall be limited to covering one
25 qualifying dentist and one dental therapist.

1 b. A dental therapist may enter into multiple collaborative management
2 agreements.

3 c. No dentist may have collaborative management agreements with more than
4 5 dental therapists at any time.

5 **SECTION 42.** 447.065 of the statutes is amended to read:

6 **447.065 Delegation of remediable procedures and dental practices. (1)**

7 A dentist or dental therapist who is licensed to practice dentistry under this chapter
8 may delegate to an individual who is not licensed under this chapter only the
9 performance of remediable procedures, and only if all of the following conditions are
10 met:

11 (a) The unlicensed individual performs the remediable procedures in
12 accordance with a treatment plan approved by the dentist or dental therapist.

13 (b) The dentist or dental therapist is on the premises when the unlicensed
14 individual performs the remediable procedures.

15 (c) The unlicensed individual's performance of the remediable procedures is
16 subject to inspection by the dentist or dental therapist.

17 **(2)** Subject to the requirements under s. 447.06 (2), a dentist or dental therapist
18 who is licensed to practice dentistry under this chapter may delegate to a dental
19 hygienist who is licensed to practice dental hygiene under this chapter the
20 performance of remediable procedures and the administration of oral systemic
21 premedications, local anesthesia, nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia, and
22 subgingival sustained release chemotherapeutic agents, to the extent the dentist or
23 dental therapist has the authority to perform the activity personally.

1 **(3)** A dentist or dental therapist who delegates to another individual the
2 performance of any practice or remediable procedure is responsible for that
3 individual's performance of that delegated practice or procedure.

4 **SECTION 43.** 447.07 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 **447.07 (1)** The examining board may, without further notice or process, limit,
6 suspend, or revoke the license or certificate of any dentist, dental therapist, or dental
7 hygienist, or the registration of a mobile dentistry program registrant, who fails,
8 within 60 days after the mailing of written notice to the dentist's, dental therapist's,
9 dental hygienist's, or registrant's last-known address, to renew the license,
10 certificate, or registration.

11 **SECTION 44.** 447.07 (3) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 **447.07 (3) (intro.)** Subject to the rules promulgated under s. 440.03 (1), the
13 examining board may make investigations and conduct hearings in regard to any
14 alleged action of any dentist, dental therapist, or dental hygienist, of a mobile
15 dentistry program registrant, or of any other person it has reason to believe is
16 engaged in or has engaged in the practice of dentistry, dental therapy, or dental
17 hygiene, or the operation of a mobile dentistry program, in this state, and may, on
18 its own motion, or upon complaint in writing, reprimand any dentist, dental
19 therapist, or dental hygienist who is licensed or certified under this chapter, or any
20 mobile dentistry program registrant, or deny, limit, suspend, or revoke his or her
21 license or certificate, or the registration of the mobile dentistry program registrant,
22 if it finds that the dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, or mobile dentistry
23 program registrant has done any of the following:

24 **SECTION 45.** 447.07 (3) (e) to (h) of the statutes are amended to read:

1 447.07 (3) (e) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.335, been convicted of a
2 crime, the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice of dentistry,
3 dental therapy, or dental hygiene or the operation of a mobile dentistry program.

4 (f) Violated this chapter or any federal or state statute or rule that relates to
5 the practice of dentistry, dental therapy, or dental hygiene, or the operation of a
6 mobile dentistry program.

7 (g) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.34, practiced dentistry, dental
8 therapy, or dental hygiene while his or her ability was impaired by alcohol or other
9 drugs.

10 (h) Engaged in conduct that indicates a lack of knowledge of, an inability to
11 apply or the negligent application of, principles or skills of dentistry, dental therapy,
12 or dental hygiene.

13 **SECTION 46.** 447.40 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 **447.40 Informed consent.** (intro.) Any dentist or dental therapist who treats
15 a patient shall inform the patient about the availability of reasonable alternate
16 modes of treatment and about the benefits and risks of these treatments. The
17 reasonable dentist standard is the standard for informing a patient under this
18 section. The reasonable dentist standard requires disclosure only of information
19 that a reasonable dentist would know and disclose under the circumstances. The
20 dentist's or dental therapist's duty to inform the patient under this section does not
21 require disclosure of any of the following:

22 **SECTION 47.** 447.40 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 447.40 (6) Information about alternate modes of treatment for any condition
24 the dentist or dental therapist has not included in his or her diagnosis, assessment,
25 or treatment plan at the time the dentist or dental therapist informs the patient.

1 **SECTION 48.** 448.03 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 448.03 (2) (a) Any person lawfully practicing within the scope of a license,
3 permit, registration, certificate or certification granted to practice midwifery under
4 subch. XIII of ch. 440, to practice professional or practical nursing or
5 nurse-midwifery under ch. 441, to practice chiropractic under ch. 446, to practice
6 dentistry, dental therapy, or dental hygiene under ch. 447, to practice optometry
7 under ch. 449, to practice acupuncture under ch. 451 or under any other statutory
8 provision, or as otherwise provided by statute.

9 **SECTION 49.** 448.21 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 448.21 (1) (a) The practice of dentistry, dental therapy, or dental hygiene within
11 the meaning of ch. 447.

12 **SECTION 50.** 450.03 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 450.03 (1) (e) Any person lawfully practicing within the scope of a license,
14 permit, registration, certificate, or certification granted to provide home medical
15 oxygen under s. 450.076, to practice professional or practical nursing or
16 nurse-midwifery under ch. 441, to practice dentistry, dental therapy, or dental
17 hygiene under ch. 447, to practice medicine and surgery under ch. 448, to practice
18 optometry under ch. 449 or to practice veterinary medicine under ch. 89, or as
19 otherwise provided by statute.

20 **SECTION 51.** 450.10 (3) (a) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

21 450.10 (3) (a) 4. A dentist or dental therapist licensed under ch. 447.

22 **SECTION 52.** 462.02 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 462.02 (2) (d) A dentist licensed under s. 447.04 (1), a dental therapist licensed
24 under s. 447.04 (1m), a dental hygienist licensed under s. 447.04 (2), or a person
25 under the direct supervision of a dentist.

1 **SECTION 53.** 462.04 of the statutes is amended to read:

2 **462.04 Prescription or order required.** A person who holds a license or
3 limited X-ray machine operator permit under this chapter may not use diagnostic
4 X-ray equipment on humans for diagnostic purposes unless authorized to do so by
5 prescription or order of a physician licensed under s. 448.04 (1) (a), a dentist licensed
6 under s. 447.04 (1), a dental therapist licensed under s. 447.04 (1m), a podiatrist
7 licensed under s. 448.63, a chiropractor licensed under s. 446.02, an advanced
8 practice nurse certified under s. 441.16 (2), a physician assistant licensed under s.
9 448.04 (1) (f), or, subject to s. 448.56 (7) (a), a physical therapist licensed under s.
10 448.53.

11 **SECTION 54.** 463.10 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 **463.10 (5) EXCEPTION.** Subsections (2) to (4m) do not apply to a dentist ~~who is~~
13 ~~licensed under s. 447.03 (1) or to a~~, dental therapist, or physician who tattoos or
14 offers to tattoo a person in the course of the dentist's, dental therapist's, or physician's
15 professional practice.

16 **SECTION 55.** 463.12 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 **463.12 (5) EXCEPTION.** Subsections (2) to (4m) do not apply to a dentist ~~who is~~
18 ~~licensed under s. 447.03 (1) or to a~~, dental therapist, or physician who pierces the
19 body of or offers to pierce the body of a person in the course of the dentist's, dental
20 therapist's, or physician's professional practice.

21 **SECTION 56.** 632.87 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 **632.87 (4)** No policy, plan or contract may exclude coverage for diagnosis and
23 treatment of a condition or complaint by a licensed dentist or dental therapist within
24 the scope of the dentist's or dental therapist's license, if the policy, plan or contract

1 covers diagnosis and treatment of the condition or complaint by another health care
2 provider, as defined in s. 146.81 (1) (a) to (p).

3 **SECTION 57.** 895.48 (1m) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 895.48 **(1m)** (a) (intro.) Except as provided in par. (b), any physician, physician
5 assistant, podiatrist, or athletic trainer licensed under ch. 448, chiropractor licensed
6 under ch. 446, dentist or dental therapist licensed under ch. 447, emergency medical
7 services practitioner licensed under s. 256.15, emergency medical responder
8 certified under s. 256.15 (8), registered nurse licensed under ch. 441, or a massage
9 therapist or bodywork therapist licensed under ch. 460 who renders voluntary health
10 care to a participant in an athletic event or contest sponsored by a nonprofit
11 corporation, as defined in s. 66.0129 (6) (b), a private school, as defined in s. 115.001
12 (3r), a tribal school, as defined in s. 115.001 (15m), a public agency, as defined in s.
13 46.856 (1) (b), or a school, as defined in s. 609.655 (1) (c), is immune from civil liability
14 for his or her acts or omissions in rendering that care if all of the following conditions
15 exist:

16 **SECTION 58.** 895.48 (1m) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 895.48 **(1m)** (a) 2. The physician, podiatrist, athletic trainer, chiropractor,
18 dentist, dental therapist, emergency medical services practitioner, as defined in s.
19 256.01 (5), emergency medical responder, as defined in s. 256.01 (4p), physician
20 assistant, registered nurse, massage therapist or bodywork therapist does not
21 receive compensation for the health care, other than reimbursement for expenses.

22 **SECTION 59.** 941.315 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 941.315 **(5)** (a) Subsection (2) does not apply to a person to whom nitrous oxide
24 is administered for the purpose of providing medical or dental care, if the nitrous

1 oxide is administered by a physician ~~or~~, dentist, or dental therapist or at the direction
2 or under the supervision of a physician ~~or~~, dentist, or dental therapist.

3 (b) Subsection (3) does not apply to the administration of nitrous oxide by a
4 physician ~~or~~, dentist, or dental therapist, or by another person at the direction or
5 under the supervision of a physician ~~or~~, dentist, or dental therapist, for the purpose
6 of providing medical or dental care.

7 (c) Subsection (3) (c) does not apply to the sale to a hospital, health care clinic
8 or other health care organization or to a physician ~~or~~, dentist, or dental therapist of
9 any object used, designed for use or primarily intended for use in administering
10 nitrous oxide for the purpose of providing medical or dental care.

11 **SECTION 9138. Nonstatutory provisions; Safety and Professional**
12 **Services.**

13 (1) DENTAL THERAPIST LICENSURE.

14 (a) When the first individual becomes licensed as a dental therapist in this
15 state under s. 447.04 (1m), the dentistry examining board shall send a notice to the
16 legislative reference bureau for publication in the Wisconsin Administrative
17 Register.

18 (b) 1. The dentistry examining board shall promulgate emergency rules under
19 s. 227.24 that are necessary to implement the licensure of dental therapist under this
20 act. Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (c) and (2), emergency rules promulgated under
21 this subdivision remain in effect for 2 years, or until the date on which permanent
22 rules take effect, whichever is sooner. Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (a) and (3), the
23 board is not required to provide evidence that promulgating a rule under this
24 subdivision as an emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of the public

1 peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to provide a finding of emergency
2 for a rule promulgated under this subdivision.

3 2. The dentistry examining board shall present a statement of scope for
4 permanent and emergency rules required to implement the licensure of dental
5 therapist under this act to the department of administration under s. 227.135 (2) no
6 later than the 30th day after the effective date of this subdivision. Notwithstanding
7 s. 227.135 (2), if the governor does not disapprove the statement of scope by the 30th
8 day after the statement is presented to the department of administration, the
9 statement is considered to be approved by the governor.

10 3. The dentistry examining board shall submit a proposed emergency rule
11 required to implement the licensure of dental therapist under this act to the governor
12 for approval under s. 227.24 (1) (e) 1g. no later than the 150th day after the effective
13 date of this subdivision. Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (e) 1g., if the governor does
14 not reject the proposed emergency rule by the 14th day after the rule is submitted
15 to the governor in final draft form, the rule is considered to be approved by the
16 governor.

17 4. The dentistry examining board shall submit a proposed permanent rule
18 required to implement the licensure of dental therapist under this act to the governor
19 for approval under s. 227.185 no later than the 365th day after the effective date of
20 this subdivision. Notwithstanding s. 227.185, if the governor does not reject that
21 proposed permanent rule by the 30th day after the rule is submitted to the governor
22 in final draft form, the rule is considered to be approved by the governor.

23 **SECTION 9438. Effective dates; Safety and Professional Services.**

