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SENATE BILL 889

Short Title: Cont. Ed. Dentists, Hygienists.

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Sponsors: Senator Johnson.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR MANDATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR
NORTH CAROLINA'S DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 2 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 90-31.1. Continuing education courses required.

All dentists licensed under G.S. 90-30 shall be required to attend Board-approved courses of study in subjects relating to dentistry. The Board shall have authority to consider and approve courses, or providers of courses, to the end that those attending will gain (i) information on existing and new methods and procedures used by dentists, (ii) information leading to increased safety and competence in their dealings with patients and staff, and (iii) information on other matters, as they develop, that are of continuing importance to the practice of dentistry. The Board shall determine the number of hours of study within a particular period and the nature of course work required."

Sec. 2. G.S. 90-34 reads as rewritten:

"§ 90-34. Refusal to grant renewal of license.

For nonpayment of fee or fees required by this Article, for failure to comply with continuing education requirements adopted by the Board under the authority of G.S. 90-31.1, or for violation of any of the terms or provisions of ~~G.S. 90-41~~, G.S. 90-41 concerning disciplinary actions, the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners may refuse to issue a certificate for renewal of license. As used ~~herein~~ in this section, the term 'license' ~~shall include~~ includes license, provisional license or intern permit.

1 Sec. 3. Article 16 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is amended by
2 adding the following new section to read:

3 **"§ 90-225.1. Continuing education courses required.**

4 All dental hygienists licensed under G.S. 90-225 shall be required to attend Board-
5 approved courses of study in subjects relating to dental hygiene. The Board shall have
6 authority to consider and approve courses, or providers of courses, to the end that those
7 attending will gain (i) information on existing and new methods and procedures
8 used by dental hygienists, (ii) information leading to increased safety and competence in
9 their dealings with patients and supervising dentists, and (iii) information on other
10 matters, as they develop, that are of continuing importance to the practice of dental
11 hygiene as a part of the practice of dentistry. The Board shall determine the number of
12 hours of study within a particular period and the nature of course work required. Failure
13 to comply with continuing education requirements adopted under the authority of this
14 section shall be grounds for the Board to decline to issue a renewal certificate under
15 G.S. 90-227."

16 Sec. 4. This act becomes effective October 1, 1993, and applies to
17 requirements imposed on or after that date.