**HOUSE FILE 1712** CHANGES TO MINNESOTA CHAPTER 150A.10

LIMITED AUTHORIZATION (COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AUTHORIZATION)

Limited Authorization for dental hygienists, enacted in 2001, allows dental hygienists to deliver direct access to their services in specified settings, like schools, Head Start programs, and long-term care facilities; locations that are convenient to patients, especially those that have significant barriers to accessing oral health care. This delivery model has been severely underutilized, in part, due to existing statutory language preventing the full implementation of its core aims; to increase access, improve health, and reduce costs.

**What this bill does:**

1. Encourages more dental hygienists and dentists to participate in this delivery model.
2. Removes duplicative language that is already mandated by licensure and the Minnesota Board of Dentistry.
3. Aligns the scope of practice in this model with the scope of practice in Minnesota Rules 3100.8700 for dental hygienists.
4. Clarifies a referral system for follow up care by a dentist.
5. Allows licensed dental assistants to provide preventive services within their existing scope of practice while working with a collaborative practice dental hygienist.

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