

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

This act allows the Board of Dentistry to issue guest licenses for volunteer services without cost under limited circumstances. It also makes technical changes to the Dental Practice Act and corrects a subtraction error in a rider from the 2011 Special Session.

- 1**      **Specialty dentists.** Amends § 150A.06, subd. 1c. Makes a technical change to the name of a national board.
- 2**      **Guest licenses.** Amends § 150A.06, subd. 2c. Allows the board of dentistry to grant a guest license to a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant who:
  - is currently licensed to practice in another United States jurisdiction;
  - is currently practicing; and
  - will practice in a public health setting.

Provides that a guest license expires annually on December 31. Current law allows these licenses to be granted only to individuals who practice in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, or Wisconsin.

Paragraph (d) adds that the board may grant a guest license for volunteer service to a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant who will provide care for patients without compensation for a limited time. Provides that the board shall not assess a guest license fee volunteer service. Lists the criteria the applicant must meet before the board will grant this guest license for volunteer service. Limits the licensee to providing volunteer care no more than ten days per calendar year. Subjects licensees to the authority of the board and allows the board to take disciplinary action. Requires the board to report any disciplinary action to the licensee's state of licensure.

- 3**      **Waiver of examination.** Amends § 150A.06, subd. 3. Makes a technical change to the name of a national board.
- 4**      **Licensure by credential.** Amends § 150A.06, subd. 4. Requires an applicant to pass all components

of the National Board Dental Examinations.

- 5**      **Display of name and certificates.** Amends § 150A.06, subd. 6. Allows a licensee to display a wallet-size initial license and renewal certificate at nonprimary practice locations.
- 6**      **Current address, change of address.** Amends § 150A.09, subd. 3. Requires licensees to provide their email address to the board. For dentists the postal address must be the physical location of the dental practice.
- 7**      **Use of dental assistants.** Amends § 150A.105, subd. 7. Makes technical changes.
- 8**      **General.** Amends § 150A.106, subd. 1. Adds that an advanced dental therapist must submit a fee when submitting a certification application to the board.
- 9**      **Immunity.** Amends § 150A.14.
- Subd. 1. Reporting immunity.** Specifies that immunity applies to individuals or entities who report or cooperate with investigations related to violations or alleged violations of section 150A.08 (licensure and registration actions).
- Subd. 2. Investigation immunity.** Adds that consultants retained by the board have immunity. Adds that members of the board or a consultant is a state employee.
- 10**     **Board of Nursing Home Administrators.** Amends Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 9, article 10, section 8, subd. 8. Corrects a subtracting error in a rider appropriating funds to the Administrative Services Unit.