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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill establishes licensure for denturists.

#### Section

- 1 **Denture.** Amends § 150A.01, by adding subd. 5a. Defines "denture."
- 2 **Denturist.** Amends § 150A.01, by adding subd. 5b. Defines "denturist."
- 3 **Board of dentistry.** Amends § 150A.02, subd. 1. Adds a qualified resident denturist to the list of board of dentistry members. Adds denturists appointed after January 1, 2009, to the list of board members who must have been lawfully in active practice in Minnesota for five years immediately preceding appointment. Requires the first four-year term of the denturist to commence on the first Monday in January 2007.
- 4 **Rules.** Amends § 150A.04, subd. 5. Allows the rules to specify procedures related to the practice of denturism.
- 5 **Practice of denturists.** Amends § 150A.05, by adding subd. 1b. Lists the activities included in the practice of a denturist.
- 6 **Exemptions and exceptions of certain practices and operations.** Amends § 150A.05, subd. 2. Adds denturists and denturism to the list of exemptions and exceptions of certain practices and operations.
- 7 **Denturists.** Amends § 150A.06, by adding subd. 1d. Lists the requirements that must be met by an applicant for the board to issue a license to practice as a denturist.
- 8 **Temporary denturist permit.** Amends § 150A.06, by adding subd. 1e. Authorizes the board to issue temporary permits to applicants who meet certain requirements. Specifies requirements permit holders and the board must meet.

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- 9 Examination.** Amends 150A.06, subd. 2b. Authorizes the board to contract with international, national, or regional examiners to prepare, administer, and grade the examination for licensure of denturists.
- 10 Volunteer and retired dentists, dental hygienists, denturists, and registered dental assistants continuing education and professional development waiver.** Amends § 150A.06, subd. 2d. Includes licensed denturists in the list of professionals to whom the board must grant a waiver to the continuing education requirements if those professionals meet certain requirements.
- 11 Licensure by credentials.** Amends § 150A.06, subd. 4. Allows denturists to apply for licensure based on the applicant's performance record in lieu of passing an examination approved by the board. Specifies when the board is required to grant a license under these circumstances and when the board is required to deny an application.
- 12 Display of name and certificates.** Amends § 150A.06, subd. 6. Requires a denturist to display in his or her office the initial license and subsequent renewal, or current registration certificate.
- 13 Grounds.** Amends § 150A.08, subd. 1. If certain conditions are met, authorizes the board to refuse or by order suspend or revoke, limit or modify by imposing conditions it deems necessary, any license to practice denturism.
- 14 Costs; additional penalties.** Amends § 150A.08, subd. 3a. Lists additional penalties that may be imposed on a denturist by the board.
- 15 Medical examinations.** Amends § 150A.08, subd. 5. Adds denturists to the list of professionals the board may require to submit to a mental or physical examination or a chemical dependency assessment, if certain conditions are met.
- 16 Registration information and procedure.** Amends § 150A.09, subd. 1. Requires denturists to transmit to the board, on or before the license or registration certificate expiration date, pertinent information required by the board, together with the fee established by the board. Requires the board to send a written notice, at least 30 days before a license or registration certificate expiration date, stating the amount and due date of the fee and the information to be provided.
- 17 Current address, change of address.** Amends § 150A.09, subd. 3. Requires denturists to maintain with the board a correct and current mailing address. Requires denturists to provide the board written notice of a new address within 30 days after changing addresses.
- 18 Dental technicians.** Amends § 150A.10, subd. 3. Requires licensed denturists who use the services of certain unlicensed persons for the purposes of performing certain dental work to furnish the unlicensed person with a written work order. Requires denturists to retain a duplicate copy of the work order for two years. Requires work order files to be open to inspection at any reasonable time by the board or its duly constituted agent.
- 19 Denturists.** Amends § 150A.10, by adding subd. 5. Specifies the services a licensed denturist may provide. Imposes certain requirements on denturists for one year following initial licensure.
- 20 Professional advertising.** Amends § 150A.11, subd. 2. Authorizes the board to control public advertising by denturists.
- 21 Advertising or use of dental services and appliances.** Amends § 150A.11, subd. 3. Limits advertising of dental services and appliances to persons who have a written work order from a licensed dentist or licensed denturist. Specifies the information an advertisement must contain. Prohibits persons not licensed as a dentist or denturist from selling or offering any services or products to anyone other than the dental profession or its ancillary trades.

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**22**      **Dividing fees.** Amends § 150A.11, subd. 4. Prohibits denturists from splitting fees in certain circumstances. Allows denturists to form partnerships and to employ licensed dental hygienists, licensed denturists, or licensed dentists.

**23**      **Violation and defenses.** Amends § 150A.12. Makes denturists who violate any of the provisions of this chapter for which no specific penalty is provided guilty of a gross misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$3,000 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year or by both such fine and imprisonment. In the prosecution of any person for violation of the provisions of this chapter, it is not necessary to allege or prove lack of a valid license to practice denturism.

**24**      **Removable dental prostheses; owner identification.** Amends § 150A.21.

**Subd. 1.** Requires dentures and removable dental prostheses fabricated by a dentist or pursuant to a dentist's work order to be marked with the name and Social Security number of the patient. Allows the dentist to determine the exact location of the markings and the method used to apply or imprint them. Allows for certain exceptions.

**Subd. 4.** Makes failure to comply with this section a violation for which the dentist may be subject to suspension, revocation, limitation, modification, or denial of license.