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## Overview

This bill establishes registration requirements for dental laboratories.

- **1 Definitions.** Creates § 150A.024. Defines the following terms: "dental laboratory," "certified dental technician," "work order," and "work authorization."
- 2 **Registration for dental laboratories.** Creates § 150A.25.

**Subd. 1. General.** Provides that effective January 1, 2012, a dental laboratory cannot manufacture, fabricate, or repair a dental prosthetic without a work order from a licensed dentist or accept work from another dental laboratory unless the dental laboratory is registered with the Board of Dentistry.

**Subd. 2. Registration required.** Requires an application for initial registration and for renewal to be submitted to the board along with the registration fee. Provides that the application must contain the name and physical location of the laboratory, verification that that laboratory meets the OSHA and CDC infectious disease control requirements, one of the specified certification requirements, and any other information deemed necessary by the board.

**Subd. 3. Unique registration number.** Requires the board, upon approval of the application, to issue a unique registration number to the laboratory.

**Subd. 4. Registration term; renewal.** Provides that registration is valid for two years. Requires the laboratory at time of registration renewal to submit an affidavit to the board that each dental technician has met the required continuing education requirements.

**Subd. 5. Inspections.** States that the board has authority to enter the laboratory premises to make an inspection and to review records necessary to ensure that the laboratory meets the registration requirements. Provides that refusal to permit inspection constitute grounds for registration denial or revocation

**3** Work order required. Creates § 150A.26. Requires that a dental laboratory must have a valid work order from a licensed dentist before performing any dental technological work for that dentist, unless the work is conducted by the licensed dentist in the dentist's office. Provides that a work order may be

handwritten or faxed or electronically transmitted.

4 Material content notice. Creates § 150A.27. Paragraph (a) requires the laboratory to inform the dentist the country of origin where any of the work was performed, and the name, address, and registration number of the laboratory or laboratories.

Paragraph (b) requires disclosure to the dentist of the complete material content of the dental prosthetic. Requires the dentist to include this information in the patient's record.

Paragraph (c) requires the dental laboratory to comply with the owner identification requirements in section 150A.21.

**5 Prohibition against the use of a nonregistered dental laboratory.** Creates § 150A.28. Paragraph (a) requires a licensed dentist to use a registered dental laboratory for any dental laboratory work performed outside the dentist's office. Provides that if a dental technician performs dental laboratory work in the dentist's office, the dentist must register with the board and comply with the registered dental laboratory requirements.

Paragraph (b) prohibits a registered dental laboratory from subcontracting work to another dental laboratory unless that laboratory is registered by the board.

**6 Continuing education requirements.** Creates § 150A.29. Paragraph (a) requires each dental technician to complete 8 hours of continuing education biennially. Requires the laboratory to maintain records certifying that each technician has complied with this requirement.

Paragraph (b) describes the required areas of professional development the continuing education courses must address.

Paragraph (c) requires the board to establish criteria for approval of continuing education courses.

- **Fees.** Creates § 150A.30. Provides the initial and the biennial registration fees are \$300. States that the fees are nonrefundable and are to be deposited in the state government special revenue fund.
- **8 Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount from the special revenue fund for implementing sections 150A.24 to 150A.30.