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The FS for SB 1862 updates the practice of dentistry to include dental radiographs, scans or three-dimensional imaging as well as scans of the jaw. The measure also includes assessments provided by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments as an acceptable regional exam. The FS modifies the number of continuing education requirements for dentists and dental hygienists.

The measure specifies that the patient record must include documentation of any medications prescribed, administered, or dispensed to the patient. The measure prohibits dentists from prescribing or administering opioid drugs in excess of the maximum limits allowed by law and requires dentists to maintain records relating to the copy of any laboratory prescription for 7 years instead of 3 years. Additionally, the measure consolidates two sections of law related to punishable offenses for a dental hygienist. The measure allows a dentist to make certain referrals for prosthetic devices. The measure modifies continuing education criteria for dentists, hygienists, oral maxillofacial surgery assistants and dental assistants.

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