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Bill Analysis

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 exams provided by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments as an acceptable regional exam. The measure modifies the continuing education cycle for an oral maxillofacial surgery assistant by reducing the number of hours from 12 to 8 hours and increasing the frequency of continuing education classes from every 3 years to every 2 years.

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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