

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 1929 modifies “accredited dental assisting program or class” as it relates to the practice of dentistry to include any class approved by the Board of Dentistry. The measure also authorizes the Board to recognize other organizations setting standards of care other than the American Dental Association. The measure provides that a dental hygienist licensed prior to January 30, 2024, shall automatically qualify for the advanced procedure of therapeutic use of lasers. The measure expands the special volunteer license issued to certain hygienists to include hygienists who are on active duty.

Active duty special volunteers shall receive a license for the duration of their tour of duty. The measure also exempts active duty hygienists from continuing education requirements if he or she is currently on full-time active duty service as a dentist or hygienist for a minimum of 18 months in a 2-year continuing education cycle or a licensed dentist or hygienist serving in the Reserves or the National Guard that is actively deployed outside of the United States for a minimum of 18 months.

The measure authorizes licensees to petition the Board to reopen and withdraw an order after the expiration of 7 years from the date of issue in certain circumstances. The Board shall then assign a panel for review and investigation, taking into consideration the issues causing the order, changes to law, actions by the licensee to better his or her abilities, patient outcomes, and service to his or her community. The panel and president may summarily dismiss the case if they determine that the case is not appropriate to bring before the Board.

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