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Bill Analysis

SB 754 defines terms as they relate to the practice of dentistry. The measure specifies a person must pass examination within the last 5 years to qualify for a license. The measure adds and modifies requirements for dental hygienists to obtain a permit for advanced procedures and adds advanced procedures available to a hygienist. The measure also provides that any dentist administering implants must have an implant designation included on his or her license beginning May 1, 2025. Certain specialists are exempt from the designation requirement. The measure adds expanded duty permits available to dental assistants. The measure also adds and removes grounds for penalties, specifies supervision requirements for dental hygienists, and modifies the powers of the Board of Dentistry with respect to advanced procedures. Finally, the measure allows the use of teledentistry in long-term care settings by a supervised dental hygienist and allows a dental assistant to assist a dental hygienist who meets certain requirements in the long-term care settings.

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