

HB 144-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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2025 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL **144-FN**

AN ACT relative to the practice of dental hygiene.

SPONSORS: Rep. Grote, Rock. 24; Rep. C. McGuire, Merr. 27; Rep. Seidel, Hills. 29; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Sen. Innis, Dist 7

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Requires a dental hygienist to be trained and to pass an examination before being permitted to administer local anesthesia.

II. Requires that any dentist who applies for licensure is a graduate of a school that is recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) and holds the degree of D.D.S. or D.M.D.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT relative to the practice of dental hygiene.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Dentists and Dentistry; Practice of Dental Hygiene. Amend RSA 317-A:21-c, II(e) to read as
2 follows:

3 (e) The administration of local anesthesia, ***provided the dental hygienist is qualified***
4 ***by the board after training and after passing an examination approved by the board.***

5 2 Occupations and Professions; Dentists and Dentistry; Examinations and Licenses;
6 Applications. Amend RSA 317-A:8, I to read as follows:

7 I. Applications for licensure shall be made to the office of professional licensure and
8 certification in writing or online and shall be accompanied by a fee established in rules adopted
9 under RSA 541-A by the office and by satisfactory proof that the applicant is a graduate of a school
10 that is recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) ***and holds the degree of***
11 ***D.D.S. or D.M.D.*** The applicant shall be of good professional character and 18 years of age or older.

12 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**HB 144-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT #2025-1576s)**

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2025 through 2028.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Office of Professional Licensure and Certification