

HB 144-FN - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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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

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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.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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

13 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