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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 269:1 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 by the***
4 ***board after training and after passing an examination approved by the board.***

5 269:2 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 of***
11 ***D.D.S. or D.M.D.*** The applicant shall be of good professional character and 18 years of age or older.

12 269:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: August 01, 2025
Effective Date: September 30, 2025

