

Legislative Analysis



DENTAL HYGIENISTS: CONTINUING ED FOR PAIN & SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4700 AS INTRODUCED 5-3-05

House Bill 4700 would amend the Public Health Code to eliminate the provision in the code that exempts dental hygienists from the requirement to complete continuing education in pain and symptom management.

Currently the code provides that after January 1, 1997, and in order to renew a license or registration, certain health care professionals must, if their boards of licensure require it, complete continuing education in pain and symptom management. The number of hours or courses—including their length and content—is set by rule. The law now exempts individuals licensed under part 184 (concerning sanitarians), part 185 (concerning social work), and dental hygienists licensed to engage in practice under part 166 (concerning dentistry). House Bill 4700 would eliminate the exemption for dental hygienists.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4700 as introduced may have a modest initial fiscal impact on the Department of Community Health's Bureau of Health Professions. Under the current Administrative Code, a dental hygienist's application for licensure renewal constitutes his or her certification of compliance with continuing education requirements, with an annual audit by the department of a random sampling of licensees for demonstration of compliance. Implementation of HB 4700 will require some administrative modifications and a revision to the Administrative Code to incorporate the new requirement into current processes and informational and application materials.

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