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HOUSE BILL 1470

Short Title: Impaired Dental Hygienists/Fee.

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Sponsors: Representative Allen.

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Referred to: Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT ALLOWING THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL  
2 EXAMINERS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH SPECIAL IMPAIRED  
3 DENTIST PEER REVIEW ORGANIZATIONS TO INCLUDE PROGRAMS FOR  
4 IMPAIRED DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND TO COLLECT FEES TO FUND SUCH  
5 PROGRAMS.  
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 Section 1. Article 2 of Chapter 90 is amended by adding a new section to read:  
9 **"§ 90-48.3. Board authority to include impaired dental hygienists in programs**  
10 **developed for impaired dentists.**

11 The Board may enter into agreements with special impaired dentist peer review  
12 organizations to include programs for impaired dental hygienists, and the provisions of  
13 G.S. 90-48.2 shall apply to any such agreements and programs. Special impaired dentist  
14 peer review organizations shall have the authority to appoint to the organizations, upon  
15 the recommendation of the dental hygienist member of the Board, one additional member  
16 who is a licensed dental hygienist and the member shall participate in activities and  
17 programs as they relate to impaired dental hygienists. Peer liaisons and volunteers  
18 participating in programs for impaired dental hygienists may be dental hygienists. Dental  
19 hygienists who work with special impaired dentist peer review organizations in  
20 conducting programs for impaired dental hygienists shall have the same protections and

1 responsibilities as members of traditional State and local dental society peer review  
2 committees under Article 2A of this Chapter and as provided in G.S. 90-48.2. The  
3 provisions of G.S. 90-48.2 regarding confidentiality shall also be applicable to all dental  
4 hygienist activities authorized under this section."

5 Section 2. G.S. 90-223 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 "(e) The Board shall have the authority to provide for programs for impaired dental  
7 hygienists as authorized in G.S. 90-48.3."

8 Section 3. G.S. 90-232 reads as rewritten:

9 **"§ 90-232. Fees.**

10 In order to provide the means of carrying out and enforcing the provisions of this  
11 Article and the duties devolving upon the North Carolina State Board of Dental  
12 Examiners, it is authorized to charge and collect fees established by its rules and  
13 regulations not exceeding the following:

- 14 (1) Each applicant for examination \$125.00  
15 (2) Each renewal certificate, which fee shall be annually fixed by the Board and  
16 not later than November 30 of each year it shall give written notice of the  
17 amount of the renewal fee to each dental hygienist licensed to practice in this  
18 State by mailing such notice to the last address of record with the Board of  
19 each such dental hygienist 60.00  
20 (3) Each restoration of license 60.00  
21 (4) Each provisional license 60.00  
22 (5) Each certificate of license to a resident dental hygienist desiring to change to  
23 another state or territory 25.00  
24 (6) Annual fee to be paid upon license renewal to assist in funding programs for  
25 impaired dental hygienists 40.00.

26 All fees shall be payable in advance to the Board and shall be disposed of by the Board in  
27 the discharge of its duties under this Article."

28 Section 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.