

BILL ANALYSIS

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COMMITTEE: Consumer Protection and
Professional Licensure

BILL NO.: HB 602

PRIME SPONSOR: Rep. Pashinski

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This bill amends the Dental Law, to expand the scope of practice for “expanded function dental assistant” referred to as EFDA. The legislation will now permit an EFDA to perform certain procedures under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, including:

Placing and contouring amalgam and other restorative materials; perform coronal polishing; perform fluoride treatments, including fluoride varnish; and take impressions of teeth for athletic appliances.

Direct supervision would require a dentist to be in the office or treatment facility and to personally diagnose the condition to be treated, personally authorize the procedure and remain in the dental office or treatment facility while the procedure is being performed before dismissal of the patient and evaluate the work performed. House bill 602 outlines functions that an EFDA shall not perform.

This bill increases the State Board of Dentistry from 13 to 15 members by adding one dentist and one EFDA.

The legislation requires the Board to promulgate regulations to implement these changes within 18 months of the act’s effective date.

The bill would take effect in 60 days. House Bill 602 passed the House by a vote of 194-1.