

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 709

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

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2 RELATING TO DENTISTRY; AMENDING SECTION 54-930, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT  
3 DENTAL HEALTH AIDE THERAPISTS ARE NOT PROHIBITED FROM PROVIDING SER-  
4 VICES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO PROVIDE THAT LICENSED DENTISTS  
5 ARE NOT PROHIBITED FROM SUPERVISING CERTAIN DENTAL HEALTH AIDE THERA-  
6 PISTS.

7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Section 54-930, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 54-930. EXCEPTIONS TO APPLICATION OF ACT. (1) This act shall not be  
11 construed as prohibiting a physician or surgeon, duly authorized to practice  
12 as such in this state, from treating diseases of the mouth or performing  
13 operations in oral surgery; nor as prohibiting persons authorized by the  
14 laws of another state, territory or country to practice dentistry or dental  
15 hygiene therein, or persons teaching in approved dental or dental hygiene  
16 schools, from making clinical demonstrations before meetings of dentists  
17 or dental hygienists in Idaho nor as prohibiting any person from performing  
18 merely mechanical work upon inert matter in a dental laboratory, nor to pro-  
19 hibit students in approved dental or dental hygiene schools from practicing  
20 dentistry or dental hygiene therein as part of their training or education.

21 (2) Effective January 1, 2019, this act shall not be construed as pro-  
22 hibiting a dental health aide therapist from providing services in a facil-  
23 ity operated by an Indian health program, as defined in 25 U.S.C. 1603(12),  
24 if the dental health aide therapist:

25 (a) Is certified by a community health aide certification board within  
26 the Indian health service under authority of 25 U.S.C. 1616 or by a tribe  
27 that has adopted standards no less stringent than those required under  
28 25 U.S.C. 1616;

29 (b) Attended a regionally accredited institution accredited by the  
30 commission on dental accreditation and approved by the state board of  
31 dentistry; and

32 (c) Is acting under the indirect supervision of a licensed dentist.

33 (3) Effective January 1, 2019, this act shall not be construed as pro-  
34 hibiting a licensed dentist from supervising a dental health aide therapist  
35 providing services described in subsection (2) of this section.