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TO: Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB610 by Nelson (Relating to the regulation of the practice of dentistry.), **Committee Report 1st House, As Amended**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB610, Committee Report 1st House, As Amended: a negative impact of (\$168,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2007.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2006	(\$84,000)
2007	(\$84,000)
2008	(\$84,000)
2009	(\$84,000)
2010	(\$84,000)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue (Loss) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1
2006	(\$84,000)
2007	(\$84,000)
2008	(\$84,000)
2009	(\$84,000)
2010	(\$84,000)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Occupations Code by stating that a person does not practice dentistry if the person is a dentist or dental hygienist who is not licensed in this state and who is taking the dental clinical examination offered in this state by an examining body designated by the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (board). The bill amends the Occupations Code by establishing that a person may practice without displaying the person's current registration certificate for not more than 30 days after the date the person receives written confirmation from the Board that the person's original license was issued.

The bill also amends the Occupations Code by stating that the board shall suspend a license holder's license issued under this subtitle on proof that the person has been initially convicted of a felony, misdemeanors under the Penal Code, and a misdemeanor on conviction of which a defendant is

required to register as a sex offender.

The bill would provide licensees with a 10-day grace period to renew expired licenses without a monetary penalty.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Methodology

Based on the board's analysis, it is assumed that providing licensees with a 10-day grace period to renew expired licenses without the monetary penalty under current law would result in a revenue loss of approximately \$84,000 to the General Revenue Fund each year. According to the board, fiscal year 2004 late renewal amounts for the first 10-days of each month include \$54,188 for dentists, \$28,930 for dental hygienists, and \$1,100 for dental laboratories licenses. The agency assumes similar losses would be realized during each following year.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 504 Texas State Board of Dental Examiners

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