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2005 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

HB 1258

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1258

House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1-24-05

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		0-11.3
4	x		10.6-13.4

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

Chairman Keiser: Opened the hearing on HB 1258. All committee members were present.

Jerry Kittlesen, Specialist, Dental Examiners, Attorney Generals: Appeared in support of and said, the dental examiners have prepared HB 1258 in large part, basically more house keeping changes, continuing education for dental hygienists, who the dentists are responsible for.

Joe Sichy, Executive Director, Dental Association: Appeared in support of bill and also provided a written statement (SEE ATTACHED TESTIMONY).

Representative Vigesaa: There is a lot of new language concerning continuing education for assistance. Have they not currently needed continuing education?

Joe Sichy: That is correct it was never required before, if they are going to expand their duties, the board said they should have continuing education requirements. The duties they are doing now are under direct supervision of a dentist.

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Barbara Wickel, Bridge the Gap, Dental ND, Oral Health Coalition: Appeared in support of bill.

Representative Johnson: I MOVE to ADOPT AMENDMENTS.

Representative Ekstrom: SECOND the motion to ADOPT AMENDMENTS.

Motion carried.

Representative Dietrich: I move a DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Representative Johnson: SECOND the DO PASS AS AMENDED motion.

Motion carried. VOTE: YES-12 0-NO 1-Absent.

Representative Dietrich will carry the bill to the floor.

Hearing closed.

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. **HB 1258**

House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date **26 Jan 05**

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
3	X		1120 - 1390

Committee Clerk Signature

Minutes:

Chairman Keiser opened discussion of HB 1258. He said the Committee needed to reconsider its action on this bill that was passed as amended.

Rep. Ekstrom: I move to reconsider our action.

Rep. Johnson: I second.

Chairman Keiser: This is the bill that dealt with dental board where we had dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants. We thought that it made a lot of sense to put them all on the 2-year renewal and notification of revocation. I don't know why but the dental assistants want to be left on the single year. Trying to make my dental assistants who have their hands in my mouth happy, we're going to accommodate them by our reconsideration. With that we'll take a voice vote on reconsideration.

A voice vote was taken.

The vote to reconsider HB 1258 passed unanimously.

Chairman Keiser: The bill is now before us and ready for reconsideration.

Rep. Deitrich: I recommend withdrawing amendment 01102, which changed the dates and keep amendment 01101 which is the 51% amendment.

Rep. Keiser: The problem with that is the amendment you are proposing to withdraw also had the notification in it. Did it not? We would still like them to be notified in the case of revocation. So we may have some more work to do on that. Committee members, we'll hold that until this afternoon and get that amendment drafted if we can.

Rep. Deitrich: I think that amendment on page 4, line 6 should also be in.

Rep. Keiser: Rep Deitrich you know where we're going on that then.

Discussion closed.

FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 01/12/2005

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1258

1A. **State fiscal effect:** Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

	2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

2. **Narrative:** Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:

A. **Revenues:** Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

will result in no increase

B. **Expenditures:** Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

will result in no increase

C. **Appropriations:** Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

will result in no increase

Name:	Jerry Kettleson	Agency:	North Dakota Dental Examiners
Phone Number:	7012232890	Date Prepared:	01/21/2005

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO.1258

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Renumber accordingly

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1258

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1258

Page 4, line 6, replace "**committed**" with "**permitted**"

Page 4, line 13, after "each" insert "even-numbered"

Page 4, line 15, after "for" insert "biennial" and after "each" insert "dental assistant"

Page 4, line 16, after the underscored period insert "If a licensee fails to pay the biennial fee for the renewal of the certificate of registration on or before the due date of the payment, after thirty days' written notice of the default, the board may cancel the license without a hearing. The board shall record the cancellation and notify the dental assistant of the cancellation."

Page 4, line 21, replace "eight" with "sixteen", remove "twelve-month", and after "registration" insert "period"

Renumber accordingly

January 26, 2005

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1/27/05

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1258 IBL 1-27-05

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HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HB 1258 IBL 1-27-05

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Re-number accordingly

Date: 1-24-05

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1258

House

INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number

Action Taken

Adopt Amendments

Motion Made By

Rep. Johnson

Seconded By

Rep. Ekstrom

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
G. Keiser-Chairman	X		Rep. B. Amerman	X	
N. Johnson-Vice Chairman	X		Rep. T. Boe	X	
Rep. D. Clark	X		Rep. M. Ekstrom	X	
Rep. D. Dietrich	X		Rep. E. Thorpe	X	
Rep. M. Dosch	X				
Rep. G. Froseth	A	A			
Rep. J. Kasper	A	A			
Rep. D. Nottestad	X				
Rep. D. Ruby	X				
Rep. D. Vigesaa	X				

Total (Yes)

12

No

0

Absent

2

(Froseth & Kasper)

Floor Assignment

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 1-24-05
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1258

House **INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR** Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number 50463.0105 .0300

Action Taken Do Pass As Amended

Motion Made By Rep. Dietrich Seconded By Rep. N. Johnson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
G. Keiser-Chairman	Y		Rep. B. Amerman	X	
N. Johnson-Vice Chairman	X		Rep. T. Boe	X	
Rep. D. Clark	X		Rep. M. Ekstrom	X	
Rep. D. Dietrich	X		Rep. E. Thorpe	X	
Rep. M. Dosch	X				
Rep. G. Froseth	A				
Rep. J. Kasper	A				
Rep. D. Nottestad	X				
Rep. D. Ruby	Y				
Rep. D. Vigasaa	X				

Total (Yes) 12 No 0

Absent (2) Rep. Kasper & Rep. Froseth

Floor Assignment Rep. Dietrich

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1258: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Keiser, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1258 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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Page 10, remove lines 1 and 2

Re-number accordingly

2005 SENATE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

HB 1258

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1258

Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 9, 2005

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		1-1500

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

Chairman Mutch opened the hearing on HB 1258. All Senators were present with the exception of Senator Nething.

Representative George Kaiser introduced the bill on behalf of Representative Todd Porter. The bill deals with regulating dental hygienists. He distributed an amendment to the committee for consideration. The original language of the bill would create a problem since some clinics do not have 51% ownership.

Senator Heitkamp- Do we still need the bill after the amendments?

Representative Kaiser- Yes, this bill deals with the regulatory concerns for dental hygienists.

Jerry Kettleon, Counsel for Dental Examiners and Assistant Attorney General, appeared before the committee in support of the bill.

Senator Klein- Did everyone in the groups agree on the solution?

Jerry- Yes. The dental association has been studying this issue and came up with a series of resolutions.

Chairman Mutch- It seems that the problem is that some are not paying their license fees each year.

Jerry- That is not a problem.

Senator Espegaard- On section 5, dental hygienists can do just about anything under the supervision of a dentist. Is a dental assistant the same as a hygienist?

Jerry- No. There are certain things a dental assistant is not allowed to do.

Senator Krebsbach- So, it appears to me that the dental assistants are being separated into their own section of the bill?

Jerry- Yes.

Senator Krebsbach- How long have dental assistants been around?

Jerry- They have always been around, the dentist has always been responsible for the dental assistant on the type of work.

Chairman Mutch- Do dental assistants have to be licensed?

Jerry- Yes.

Joe Cichy, Executive Director of the ND Dental Association appeared in support of the bill.

See written testimony and amendments attached.

Senator Espegaard- So, this bill would give the dental assistants more leeway, under the direction of the dentist?

Joe- That's correct. By giving additional duties to the assistant, the dentist does not have to be present when the work is being done, they can visit another patient.

Senator Krebsbach- What is the difference in the educational standards between a dental assistant and a dentist?

Joe- The dentist is a graduate from a 4 year college and 4 years of dental school in addition to a residency. A dental assistant can go through a two year training program offered at Wahpeton college.

Chairman Mutch- Does the dental assistant have to pay a license fee?

Joe- I don't believe so. Only when they go to the advanced levels, they would need to be certified by the board.

Chairman Mutch closed the hearing on HB 1258.

Action taken:

Senator Klein moved for a Do pass recommendation on the amendments. Seconded by Senator Espegaard. The amendments passed 5-0-2. (Senators Heitkamp & Nething were absent for the vote)

Senator Klein moved a Do Pass as Amended recommendation for HB 1258. Seconded by Senator Krebsbach. The vote was 6-0-1. (Senator Nething was absent for the vote)

Senator Fairfield is the carrier of the bill.

March 9, 2005

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1258

^{remove} and
Page 9, ~~overstrike~~ lines 30 through 31

^{remove}
Page 10, ~~overstrike~~ lines 1 through 11

Renumber accordingly

Page 1, line 6, after the second comma insert "And" and
remove " ^{and} subsection 9 of section "
Page 1, line 7, remove "43-28-25"

Date: 3-9-05
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1258

Senate Industry, Business, and Labor

Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number

Action Taken Adopt Amendments

Motion Made By Klein Seconded By Esp

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Mutch	X		Senator Fairfield	X	
Senator Klein	X		Senator Heitkamp	A	
Senator Krebsbach	X				
Senator Espegard	X				
Senator Nething	A				

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 2

Floor Assignment

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 3-9-05
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1258

Senate Industry, Business, and Labor

Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number

Action Taken DPAM

Motion Made By Klein

Seconded By Krebsbach

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Mutch	X		Senator Fairfield	X	
Senator Klein	X		Senator Heitkamp	X	
Senator Krebsbach	X				
Senator Espegard	X				
Senator Nething	A				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Fairfield

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1258, as engrossed: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Sen. Mutch, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1258 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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Page 1, line 7, remove "43-28-25"

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Page 10, remove lines 1 through 11

Re-number accordingly

2005 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1258

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1258

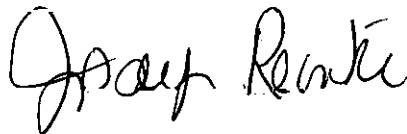
House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 4-6-05

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		0-3.0

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

Chairman Dietrich: Opened the conference committee on HB 1258.

Chairman Dietrich, Representative Keiser, Representative Boe, Chairman Krebsbach, Senator Klein, Senator Fairfield were present.

Chairman Dietrich: What are your thoughts on the amendments to the bill.

Senator Fairfield: The amendment was quite simple we deleted the last section of the bill dealing with dental clinics practicing dental and the rationale for that was that it was dealt with in HB 1200.

Representative Keiser: I **MOVE** that we **ACCEPT** the **SENATE AMENDMENT**.

Representative Boe: I will **SECOND** the motion to **ACCEPT** the **SENATE AMENDMENTS**.

Motion carried **VOTE: 6-YES 0-NO 0-ABSENT.**

Representative Dietrich will carry the bill on the floor.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
(ACCEDE/RECEDE)

Bill Number 1258 (, as (re)engrossed):

Date: 4-6-05

Your Conference Committee: IBL

For the Senate:

For the House:

	YES / NO		YES / NO
Chairman Krebsbach	Y	Chairman Dietrich	Y
Senator Klein	Y	Rep. Keiser	Y
Senator Fairfield	Y	Rep. Boe	Y

recommends that the (SENATE/HOUSE) (ACCEDE) to (RECEDE from)

the (Senate/House) amendments on (SJ/HJ) page(s) 1345 --

and place 1258 on the Seventh order.

, adopt (further) amendments as follows, and place on the Seventh order:

, having been unable to agree, recommends that the committee be discharged and a new committee be appointed.

((Re)Engrossed) 1258 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

DATE: 4-6-05
CARRIER: Representative Dietrich

LC NO. of amendment

LC NO. of engrossment

Emergency clause added or deleted
Statement of purpose of amendment

MOTION MADE BY: Representative Keiser

SECONDED BY: Representative Boe

VOTE COUNT 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSENT

Insert LC: .

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1258, as engrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. Krebsbach, Klein, Fairfield and Reps. Dietrich, Keiser, Boe) recommends that the **HOUSE ACCEDE** to the Senate amendments on HJ page 1345 and place HB 1258 on the Seventh order.

Engrossed HB 1258 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

2005 TESTIMONY

HB 1258

January 24, 2005

Testimony before the House Industry Business and Labor Committee
Peace Garden Room
Representative George Keiser, Chairman

House Bill 1258 Relating to the Regulation of Dentists, Hygienists and Dental Assistants

Chairman Keiser and members of the Committee, my name is Joe Cichy (#220) and I am the executive director of the North Dakota Dental Association. I present this testimony in support of House Bill 1258.

The North Dakota Dental Association has been working to address the dental access issues in our state. One success is the Donated Dental Services program, through which volunteer dentists have donated nearly one quarter of a million dollars in dental care to over 100 people in the past two fiscal years. This program is designed to help the elderly and people with developmental disabilities who are unable to access care through other programs and unable to afford the care. The NDDA also participates in the national Give Kids A Smile program, which is designed to screen, educate, and treat children who are otherwise unable to access dental care. Dentists in Fargo have set up an urgent care clinic, which provides voluntary services to people with acute dental needs. This urgent care clinic prevents what would eventually become a considerably more expensive and less productive trips to hospital emergency rooms. Grand Forks dentists also provide access to urgent care through partnership with the Third Street Clinic. In Bismarck, Bridging the Dental Gap started this fall and is seeing low-income patients. Additionally, dentists on their own provide free or discounted dental services daily in their private offices to those who may not have the means to cover the costs of the care.

This bill is another piece of the puzzle to improving access to dental care. It gives the Board of Dental Examiners the ability to regulate dental assistants and define their

scope of practice. Presently most of the duties assistants perform must be under the direct supervision of the dentist. This bill will give the board the authority to allow certain duties performed by assistants to be done without the direct supervision of the dentist, thus allowing the dentist to see other patients. The dentist would still be responsible for directing the assistant. However the efficiency of the office would be greatly improved allowing more time for the dentist to care for more patients.

This legislation is another step by the dental community to create an environment that provides improved access to quality dental care by improving the efficiency in the dental office while still maintaining the high quality of care North Dakotans deserve and expect. The NDDA asks you to support this bill with a do pass recommendation.

March 9, 2005

Testimony before the Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee
Roosevelt Park Room
Senator Duane Mutch, Chairman

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The amendment I would propose is to delete section 15 of the engrossed bill. This provision is addressed in HB 1200 which has passed the House and I believe should be on the Senate's Calendar. Therefore, so that two bills are not passed addressing the same code section, I ask that the attached amendment be adopted.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1258

Page 9, delete lines 30 and 31

Page 10, delete lines 1 through 11

Renumber Accordingly