

Health Care/Reform

AB 103 – Temporary Licensing of Dentistry

Rep. Shilling

Summary of Bill (*as amended*):

Assembly Bill 103 authorizes the Dental Examining Board (Board) to issue a temporary license to practice dentistry or oral hygiene for a period of ten days (maximum) to a person from out-of-state who wishes to provide dentistry or oral hygiene services without compensation.

According to the bill, before issuing a temporary license, the Board: Must make a determination whether or not the practitioner's will improve the welfare of the residents; Must determine if the practitioner satisfies the current criteria for obtaining a license, based on his/her licensure in his/her home state; May choose to renew the temporary license, but may not charge a fee for renewal or issuance.

Fiscal Effect:

The fiscal estimate prepared by the Department of Regulations & Licensing states that AB 103 will have a state fiscal impact; however the Department will be able to absorb the \$5,518 one-time cost within their budget.

Supporters Message:

- Assembly Bill 103 will increase access to dental care for Wisconsin residents who otherwise would not be able to receive necessary care.
- The Board will issue licenses on a **temporary** basis to qualified practitioners who wish to **volunteer** their services.

Opponents Message:

None apparent, no one testified or registered against AB 103.

Key Supporters:

Rep. Shilling; Rep. Danou; Eugene Shoemaker, WI Dental Association; Mara Brooks, WI Dental Association; Michelle Mettner, Children's Hospital; Lanette Becker, WI Dental Association; Tom Petri, WI Primary Health Care Association; Jeremy Levin, Rural WI Health Cooperative; and WI Association of Local Health Departments & Boards. Wisconsin Public Health Association registered in favor with the GAB.

Key Opponents:

No one testified or registered against AB 103.

Committee Vote:

On April 1st, 2009, the Assembly Committee on Health and Health Care Reform recommended passage of AB103, on a vote of 11-0. [*Vukmir, Rhoades, Stone, Strachota & Nygren voted Aye.*]

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