

Legislative Background Brief

for the Economic Affairs Interim Committee

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Board of Dentistry

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Board = 10 members (term expiration in parentheses)

Licensed Dentists = 5 Dale Chamberlain, Lewistown (3.29.14) Aimee Ameline, Great Falls (3.29.13) David Johnson, Great Falls (3.29.12) Terry Klise, Missoula (3.29.16) George Johnston, Dillon (3.29.15)	Dental Hygienists = 2 Jennifer Porter, Bozeman (3.29.14) Carol Price, Clancy (3.29.12)
Denturist = 1 Cliff Christenot, Libby (3.29.12)	Public Members = 2 James Madison, Jefferson City (3.29.12) Luella Vogel, Great Falls (3.29.16)

Number of Licensees, FY2011

Dentists	776	6	Dental Hygienists	720
Denturists	18	8		

Revenues FY2008-FY2010 and Budgets for FY 2009-2013

	Revenues		Expenditures	
	Licensing	Other	Personal Services	Operating
FY 2009	\$200,507		\$220,301	
FY 2010	\$211,104	\$2,130	\$85,153	\$148,410
FY 2011				
FY 2012	not available	not available	\$97,272*	\$139,119*
FY 2013	not available	not available	\$97,256*	\$139,277*

^{*}Projected

Expenditures, FY 2010	Direct	Indirect	
		Admin	Div. IT/Bureau
Personal Services, incl. per diem	\$73,073	\$5,169	\$6,911
Operating Expenses			
Consulting, Printing, IT, Other	\$56,170	\$2,666	

Supplies, incl. Computer	\$5,625	\$1,532
Postage, mailing, IT network, voice srv	\$2,516	\$2,938
Travel/Per Diem for Board Members	\$13,381	na
Rent and other expenses*	\$9,501	\$12,935
Legal and hearings	\$41,146	

^{*}Includes computer and office equipment repair, dues, education & training, and fee collection expense for direct expenses and rent of \$4,279, DLI OIT expense of \$2,724 and indirect agency of \$5,932 for indirect expenses.

Number of Co	omplaints		Disciplinary Action	(may be from other years)
FY 10		38	FY 10	. 6 (27 dismissed)

Scope of Practice

Dentists:

37-4-101 – "Practicing dentistry" if a person a) "performs...causes to be performed by the patient or any other person, or instructs in the performance of dental operations, oral surgery, or dental service of any kind..." b) manages or operates a place where those activities are performed; c) furnishes or repairs prosthetic dentures, bridge, or other structure worn in a human mouth, or d) places appliance in the mouth.... e) advertises.... f) diagnoses g) extracts human teeth; h) interprets dental roentgenograms; i) administers an anesthetic as part of a dental operation; j) uses certain terms (dentist); k) advertises performance of dentistry; l) engages in practices of dental college curricula.

Denturists.

37-29-102 – "Practice of denturitry" means a) "making, fitting, constructing.... repairing of a denture and furnishing...directly to a person...b) taking...any impression, bite, ..." for a denture.

Dental Hygienists:

37-4-401 – Practice of dental hygiene involves services that are educational, therapeutic, prophylactic, or preventive as defined by the board. Includes, if certified by board, administration of local anesthetic agents under direct supervision and authorization of a dentist.

2011 Legislation Impacting Board or Profession

- HB 25, sponsored by Rep. Roberts at request of Economic Affairs Interim Committee, revises assistance program for impaired medical professionals. (Became law)
- HB 94, by Rep. Arntzen at request of the Department of Labor and Industry, revises requirements for administering anesthesia. (Became law)
- SB 101, by Sen. Jackson, would have created Board of Denturitry. (Died in Senate)
- HB 377, by Rep. Wendy Warburton, allows medication aides in long-term care facilities to administer drugs prescribed by a dentist and others. (Became law)

Summary of Responses from Survey as made through August 4, 2011:

of Responses from Board of Dentistry licensees -- 175 Comments summarized separately.