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HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill: House File 805 House Committee: **PASSED** 3/3/25 **(20-0)**

Committee: Health and Human Services House Floor: PASSED 3/20/25 (70-19)

Floor Manager: Rep. Tom Jeneary PASSED 4/15/25 (62-32)

Date: May 1, 2025 Senate Floor: **PASSED** 4/9/25 (32-15)

Staff: Natalie Ginty (5-2063) Governor: SIGNED 5/1/25

Dental Assistant Registration

• This bill strikes the requirement to be registered as a dental assistant with the Board of Dentistry.

Allows a person to be a dental assistant if they have completed practice training under the supervision of a dentist.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 (Iowa Code 147.74)

States that only registered dental assistants can call themselves a "registered dental assistant" or use "R.D.A." after their name.

Section 2 (Iowa Code 153.14)

Strikes the requirement to be registered as a dental assistant to not be practicing dentistry.

Section 3 (Iowa Code 153.33)

Strikes the ability for the board of dentistry to impose an administrative penalty on a dental practice that employs individuals that are not registered.

Section 4 (Iowa Code 153.38)

Strikes "registered" in front of dental assistant in the dental assistants – scope of practice code section. All other requirements remain, including that both registered and unregistered dental assistants must follow the scope of practice law.

Sections 5-6 (Iowa Code 153.39)

Clarifies that a dental assistant can only use the title of registered dental assistance if they have received a certificate of registration with the board. Allows a person to act as a dental assistant if they have successfully completed practical training under the supervision of a dentist. Requires the Board to adopt rules.