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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 542

Chairperson: Tim Gay
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: February 26, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

As a result of a disciplinary proceeding that culminated in 2006, the Department of Health and Human Services determined that there were no duties or training for dental assistants in rules and regulations. In 2007, the Department of Health and Human Services submitted to Attorney General Jon Bruning proposed rule and regulation changes to 172 NAC 53 - *Performance of Duties by Licensed Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants*. The Attorney General refused to approve the rules and regulations in part because there is no statutory authority for the Board of Dentistry to determine training requirements for duties performed by dental assistants. In his reply to the department dated November 13, 2007 the Attorney General wrote that "we found no statutory authority for the training and educational requirements that dental assistants would have to meet under the amended regulations in order to perform some of the procedures listed."

LB 542 is intended to give statutory authority to the Department of Health and Human Services, with the recommendation of the Board of Dentistry, to establish rules and regulations on education and training of dental assistants.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Kathy Campbell