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Senate Bill 190

“An act relating to the practice of dentistry.”

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Sponsor Statement

Senate Bill 190 is a “truth in advertising” bill. It simply establishes that if a dentist advertises as a specialist in a field, they must meet certain minimum qualifications as a specialist as established by the Alaska State Board of Dental Examiners (board). There is currently no definition in statute for what a dental specialist is, and the board does not have the authority to define the term.

A dentist in Alaska can legally promote themselves as specialist in fields such as orthodontics, oral surgery, endodontistry, etc., even if they have no specialty training in that fields. The board cannot stop this practice if it does not have the authority to set standards for what a specialist is. This lack of authority for the board makes its difficult to police misleading advertisements to the public.

Please contact Jasmin Martin in my office at 907-465-3878 or by email at Jasmin.Martin@akleg.gov for more information. I respectfully ask for your support of this legislation.