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H 1470. IMPAIRED DENTAL HYGIENISTS/FEE. *ALLOWING THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH SPECIAL IMPAIRED DENTIST PEER REVIEW ORGANIZATIONS TO INCLUDE PROGRAMS FOR IMPAIRED DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND TO COLLECT FEES TO FUND SUCH PROGRAMS.* Adds new GS

90-48.3 authorizing cited Board to enter into agreements with special impaired dentist peer review organizations to include programs for impaired dental hygienists. Specifies that the provisions of GS 90-48.2 (concerning Board agreements with special peer review organizations for impaired dentists) are to apply to such agreements and programs, and its provisions regarding confidentiality are also applicable to all dental hygienist activities authorized under GS 90-48.3. On the recommendation of the dental hygienist member of the Board, such organizations may appoint to the organizations one additional member who is a licensed dental hygienist who is to participate in activities and programs as they relate to dental hygienists. Specifies that peer liaisons and volunteers participating in programs for impaired dental hygienists may be dental hygienists. Hygienists who work with special impaired dentist peer review organizations in conducting programs for impaired hygienists are to have the same protections and responsibilities as members of traditional State and local dental society peer review committees under GS Ch. 90, Art. 2A and as provided in GS 90-48.2. Makes conforming change in GS 90-223(e), and amends GS 90-232 to authorize Board to charge and collect an annual fee of up to \$40, paid upon license renewal, from dental hygienists to assist in funding programs for impaired dental hygienists

Intro. by Allen.

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H 1470. IMPAIRED DENTAL HYGIENISTS/FEE. Intro. 5/13/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Provides that the annual fee assessed dental hygienists to fund the impaired hygienist program not exceed the annual fee assessed dentists to fund the impaired dentist program. Amends GS 90-48.2(a) to provide for representation for dental hygienists on the statewide supervisory committee, and amends the title accordingly.