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**H 506. DENTAL HYGIENISTS. AUTHORIZING DENTAL HYGIENIST LICENSURE BY CREDENTIAL AND AMENDING THE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS.** Amends several provisions of GS Ch. 90, Art. 16 (Dental Hygiene Act) to make stylistic and clarifying changes and to (1) add to the definition of "dental hygienist" the requirement that a person be a graduate of a program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation, (2) provide that a person licensed as a dental hygienist in another jurisdiction that imposes requirements for licensure at least as exacting as North Carolina's receives a license by credential (rather than a provisional license, as in current law), if the person has graduated from a program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation, and (3) provide that for annual license renewals, hygienists must complete a minimum of six hours of continuing education approved by the Board and complete a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

**Intro. by Braswell and Gardner.**

Ref. to Rules

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