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House Bill 5103 (Substitute H-2 as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Representative Patricia Birkholz  
House Committee: Health Policy  
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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to replace references to dental "health profession specialty certification" with references to "health profession specialty field license". The bill also would refer to "registration", rather than "certification", in regard to health profession subfields or specialty fields created by Article 15 (Occupations) of the Code.

Under Part 166 of Article 15 (which regulates dentists), the Board of Dentistry may issue a health profession specialty certification to a licensed dentist who has advanced training beyond that required for initial licensure, and who has demonstrated competency through examination or other process in one or more of seven specialty fields identified in Part 166. The bill would remove the reference to "certification" and instead allow the Board to issue a health profession specialty field license for one or more of the seven specialties. A "health profession specialty field license" would be an authorization to use a title issued to licensed dentist who met qualifications established by the Board for registration in a health profession specialty field.

A licensed dentist who held specialty certification in one or more of the seven specialties on the bill's effective date would be considered to hold a health profession specialty field license in each of those specialty fields and could obtain renewal of each specialty field license upon expiration of the certification. The bill states that these provisions would not prohibit a licensed dentist who had not been issued a health profession specialty field license from performing services in one or more of the seven specialties.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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