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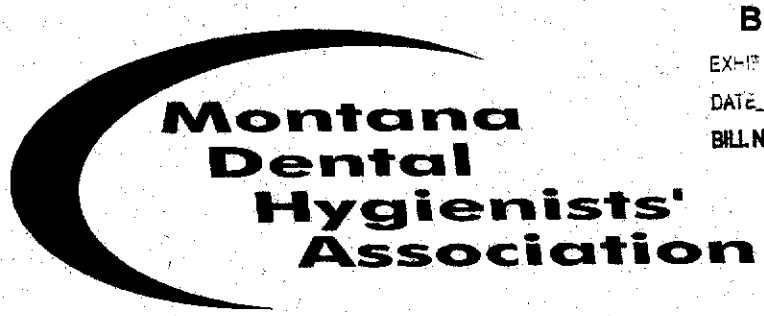

Testimony in support of HB 182

The Montana Dental Hygienists' Association supports HB182, but requests an amendment as follows:

On page 24, lines 11 and 12, the stricken words "written" and "practical" be re-inserted.

Because the national board is currently a written board, and the regional boards are practical examinations, it is understandable that there appears to be no need to retain the descriptive word of type of exam. Although striking the words would reflect the current practice, it may not be true of future examination needs and availability.

While MDHA applauds the effort to standardize professional licensure application, we believe that each profession is unique and certain precautions should be in place for public safety. Currently, the statute addresses the need for a clinical and written examination for dental hygiene licensure.

MDHA supports re-inserting the words "written" and "practical" to maintain the integrity of the dual component examinations for dental hygiene licensure.

Thank you for consideration of this issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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