

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law authorizes licensed podiatrists and doctors of medicine to form professional associations as a way of performing services and conducting business in the state. S.B. 1085 would authorize dentists to form a professional association to perform professional services and conduct business in the state.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1085 authorizes the formation of a professional association for the practice of dentistry.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2(A), Article 1528f., (Professional Association Act), to authorize one or more persons duly licensed to practice dentistry under the law of this state, by complying with this Act, to form a professional association as distinguished from either a partnership or a corporation, or by associating themselves for the purpose of performing professional services and dividing the gains therefrom, as stated in articles of association or bylaws.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.