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**Board of Denture Technology Adopts Position Statement Regarding the
Implementation of Ballot Measure 24**

Voters passed Ballot Measure 24 during the November 2002 General Election allowing denturists to install partial dentures. The expanded scope of practice has raised questions pertaining to practice standards, requirements and collaboration with dentists.

On February 24, 2003, the Board of Denture Technology adopted a position statement which articulates the board's strategy for addressing practice standards and protocols for the installation of partial dentures within the current scope of practice.

The board's strategy will include a detailed review of the practice standards and guidelines that currently apply to denturists in the State of Washington. Washington denturists have provided partial dentures directly to patients since 1996. In addition, discussions will be held with Washington dentists and denturists about their professional experiences and collaborative efforts to provide patients with partial dentures. Oregon dentists, denturists and the Oregon State Denturist Association will also be consulted. Following the initial fact finding process, the board will enter into the formal administrative rulemaking process.

The position statement will be distributed to all licensed denture technologists and is available on the Health Licensing Offices website at www.hlo.state.or.us.

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