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Dental care needs to be completed by a DVM. The requirements needed to obtain a certificate in "equine dentistry" is not sufficient. While many routine dentals can be done without sedation, sedation can allow a DVM to look more critically in a horses mouth to pick up different pathologies. Furthermore "equine dentists" do not have the ability to perform or read X-rays to pick up pathologies such as tooth abscess, EOTRH , etc. if a horse does have sensitivities during the dental with a "equine dentist" this only leads to delays of care with a licensed veterinarian. This bill does NOT address the true issues that have led to a shortage of equine vets, it actually is a part of the problem. Building a relationship with your equine vet and completing routine wellness/ yearly dentals can help decrease equine emergencies thus not only improving the welfare of the horse, but also the clinician.