

## HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: SB 2574  
SPONSOR: Senator Atwater  
SUBJECT: Dentistry  
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Health Care  
DATE: May 3, 2005

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### I. Amendments Contained in Message:

**House Amendment 1 – 846159** (body with title)

**House Amendment 2 – 925963** (body with title)

### II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

**House Amendment 1** exempts certain dental instructors from the requirements of the dental practice act. The amendment revises an exemption in the dental practice act for the practices, acts, and operations of instructors in Florida schools of dentistry, dental hygiene or dental assistant educational programs, while performing regularly assigned duties under the curriculum of such schools. As amended, the dental practice act does not apply to practices, acts, and operations of instructors in dental programs that prepare persons holding D.M.D. or D.D.S. degrees for specialty board certification wherein such programs have U.S. accreditation by January 1, 2005, in the same manner as the Board of Dentistry recognizes accreditation for Florida schools of dentistry but that are not otherwise affiliated with a Florida school of dentistry. The exemption to such instructors in Florida schools of dentistry, accredited dental specialty programs, dental hygiene or dental educational programs are conditioned on the instructor performing regularly assigned instructional duties under the curriculum of such schools. A full-time dental instructor at a dental school or dental program approved by the Board of Dentistry may be allowed to practice dentistry at the teaching facilities of such school or program, upon receiving a teaching permit issued by the Board of Dentistry. The practice of dentistry by these instructors must be performed in strict compliance with such rules as are adopted by the board pertaining to the teaching permit and with the established rules and procedures of the dental school or program as recognized in this subsection 466.002, F.S. Identical to Section 1 of CS/SB 2230 which is on second reading on the Senate calendar.

**House Amendment 2** revises the manner of appointment of members to the Council on Dental Hygiene (council) to require that the three dental hygienist members who are actively engaged in the practice of dental hygiene in Florida be recommended by the Florida Dental Hygienists Association. House Amendment 2 requires the council to meet at least three times each calendar year. The Board of Dentistry must consider rule and policy recommendations of the council at its next regularly scheduled meeting in the same manner as it considers rule and policy recommendations from designated subcommittees of the board. Any rule or policy proposed by the board pertaining to dental hygiene must be referred to the council for a recommendation

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before final action by the board. The Board of Dentistry may take final action on rules pertaining to dental hygiene without a council recommendation if the council fails to submit a recommendation in a timely fashion as prescribed by the board. Identical to Section 2 of CS/SB 2230 which is on second reading on the Senate calendar.