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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Corcoran offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

5 Section 1. Present subsection (4) of section 466.017,
6 Florida Statutes, is amended, subsections (5) and (6) are
7 renumbered as subsections (7) and (8), respectively, and new
8 subsections (5) and (6) are added to that section, to read:

9 466.017 Prescription of drugs; anesthesia.—

10 (4) A dentist or dental hygienist who administers or
11 employs the use of any form of anesthesia must possess a
12 certification in either basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation for
13 health professionals or advanced cardiac life support approved
14 by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross or
15 an equivalent agency-sponsored course with recertification every
16 2 years. Each dental office which uses any form of anesthesia

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17 must have immediately available and in good working order such
18 resuscitative equipment, oxygen, and other resuscitative drugs
19 as are specified by rule of the board in order to manage
20 possible adverse reactions.

21 (5) A dental hygienist under the direct supervision of a
22 dentist may administer local anesthesia, including intraoral
23 block anesthesia, soft tissue infiltration anesthesia, or both,
24 to a nonsedated patient who is 18 years of age or older, if the
25 following criteria are met:

26 (a) The dental hygienist has successfully completed a
27 course in the administration of local anesthesia which is
28 offered by a dental or dental hygiene program accredited by the
29 Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental
30 Association or approved by the board. The course must include a
31 minimum of 30 hours of didactic instruction and 30 hours of
32 clinical experience, and instruction in:

- 33 1. Theory of pain control.
- 34 2. Selection-of-pain-control modalities.
- 35 3. Anatomy.
- 36 4. Neurophysiology.
- 37 5. Pharmacology of local anesthetics.
- 38 6. Pharmacology of vasoconstrictors.
- 39 7. Psychological aspects of pain control.
- 40 8. Systematic complications.
- 41 9. Techniques of maxillary anesthesia.
- 42 10. Techniques of mandibular anesthesia.
- 43 11. Infection control.
- 44 12. Medical emergencies involving local anesthesia.

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45 (b) The dental hygienist presents evidence of current
46 certification in basic or advanced cardiac life support.

47 (c) The dental hygienist possesses a valid certificate
48 issued under subsection (6).

49 (6) Any dental hygienist seeking a certificate to
50 administer local anesthesia must apply to the department, remit
51 an application fee, and submit proof of successful completion of
52 a course in the administration of local anesthesia pursuant to
53 subsection (5). The board shall certify, and the department
54 shall issue a certificate to, any dental hygienist who fulfills
55 the qualifications of subsection (5). The board shall establish
56 a one-time application fee not to exceed \$35. The certificate is
57 not subject to renewal but is part of the dental hygienist's
58 permanent record and must be prominently displayed at the
59 location where the dental hygienist is authorized to administer
60 local anesthesia. The board shall adopt rules necessary to
61 administer subsection (5) and this subsection.

62 Section 2. Subsection (7) is added to section 466.023,
63 Florida Statutes, to read:

64 466.023 Dental hygienists; scope and area of practice.—

65 (7) A dental hygienist may administer local anesthesia as
66 provided in ss. 466.017 and 466.024.

67 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 466.024, Florida
68 Statutes, is amended to read:

69 466.024 Delegation of duties; expanded functions.—

70 (1) A dentist may not delegate irremediable tasks to a
71 dental hygienist or dental assistant, except as provided by law.
72 A dentist may delegate remediable tasks to a dental hygienist or
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73 dental assistant when such tasks pose no risk to the patient. A
74 dentist may only delegate remediable tasks so defined by law or
75 rule of the board. The board by rule shall designate which tasks
76 are remediable and delegable, except that the following are by
77 law found to be remediable and delegable:

78 (a) Taking impressions for study casts but not for the
79 purpose of fabricating any intraoral restorations or orthodontic
80 appliance.

81 (b) Placing periodontal dressings.

82 (c) Removing periodontal or surgical dressings.

83 (d) Removing sutures.

84 (e) Placing or removing rubber dams.

85 (f) Placing or removing matrices.

86 (g) Placing or removing temporary restorations.

87 (h) Applying cavity liners, varnishes, or bases.

88 (i) Polishing amalgam restorations.

89 (j) Polishing clinical crowns of the teeth for the purpose
90 of removing stains but not changing the existing contour of the
91 tooth.

92 (k) Obtaining bacteriological cytological specimens not
93 involving cutting of the tissue.

94 (l) Administering local anesthesia pursuant to s.
95 466.017(5).

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97 This subsection does not limit delegable tasks to those
98 specified herein.

99 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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Remove the entire title and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to dental hygienists; amending s. 466.017, F.S.; authorizing dental hygienists to administer certain local anesthesia under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist if certain educational requirements are met; requiring dental hygienists to maintain current certification in basic or advanced cardiopulmonary resuscitation or advanced cardiac life support with recertification every 2 years; amending s. 466.023, F.S.; revising the scope and area of practice for dental hygienists, to conform to changes made by this act; amending s. 466.024, F.S.; revising the delegated duties that are found to be remediable and delegable, to conform to changes made by this act; providing an effective date.