

By Senator Bogdanoff

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to dental hygienists; amending s.  
3           466.017, F.S.; authorizing a dental hygienist, under  
4           the supervision of a dentist, to administer local  
5           anesthesia to certain patients if the hygienist meets  
6           certain criteria; providing the criteria that a dental  
7           hygienist must meet in order to administer local  
8           anesthesia; authorizing a dental hygienist to apply  
9           for certification to administer local anesthesia;  
10          requiring the Department of Health to issue the  
11          certificate under certain circumstances; authorizing  
12          the board to charge a fee, not to exceed a specified  
13          amount, to defray the cost of verifying criteria and  
14          issuing a certificate; providing that the certificate  
15          is part of the dental hygienist's permanent record;  
16          requiring that the certificate be prominently  
17          displayed; amending s. 466.023, F.S.; authorizing a  
18          dental hygienist to administer local anesthesia;  
19          providing an effective date.

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21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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23           Section 1. Present subsections (5) and (6) of section  
24           466.017, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7) and  
25           (8), respectively, and new subsections (5) and (6) are added to  
26           that section, to read:

27           466.017 Prescription of drugs; anesthesia.—

28           (5) Notwithstanding s. 466.003(11), a dental hygienist  
29           under the direct supervision of a dentist may administer local

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30 anesthesia, including both intraoral block and soft tissue  
31 infiltration anesthesia, to a nonsedated patient who is 18 years  
32 of age or older, if the following criteria are met:

33 (a) The dental hygienist has successfully completed a  
34 course in the administration of local anesthesia which is  
35 offered by a dental or dental hygiene program accredited by the  
36 Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental  
37 Association or approved by the board. A course involving the  
38 administration of local anesthesia must contain a minimum of 30  
39 hours of didactic instruction and 30 hours of clinical  
40 experience. This course involving the administration of local  
41 anesthesia must include instruction in:

- 42 1. Theory of pain control.
- 43 2. Selection-of-pain-control modalities.
- 44 3. Anatomy.
- 45 4. Neurophysiology.
- 46 5. Pharmacology of local anesthetics.
- 47 6. Pharmacology of vasoconstrictors.
- 48 7. Psychological aspects of pain control.
- 49 8. Systemic complications.
- 50 9. Techniques of maxillary anesthesia.
- 51 10. Techniques of mandibular anesthesia.
- 52 11. Infection control.
- 53 12. Medical emergencies involving local anesthesia.

54 (b) The dental hygienist maintains and shows evidence of  
55 current certification in basic or advanced cardiac life support.

56 (c) The dental hygienist holds a certificate issued under  
57 subsection (6).

58 (6) An individual dental hygienist may apply for

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59 certification to administer local anesthesia under subsection  
60 (5). According to rules adopted by the board, the department or  
61 its designee shall issue a certificate to a dental hygienist who  
62 proves that he or she has met the criteria in paragraphs (5) (a)  
63 and (b). The board may charge a fee, not to exceed \$35, to  
64 defray the cost of verifying that the dental hygienist has met  
65 the criteria in paragraphs (5) (a) and (b) and issuing the  
66 certificate. The certificate is not subject to renewal but is  
67 part of the dental hygienist's permanent record and must be  
68 prominently displayed at the location where the dental hygienist  
69 is authorized to administer local anesthesia.

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

72 466.023 Dental hygienists; scope and area of practice.—

73 (7) A dental hygienist may administer local anesthesia as  
74 provided in s. 466.017.

75 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.