

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to dental hygienists; amending s.
 3 466.017, F.S.; authorizing dental hygienists to
 4 administer certain local anesthesia under the direct
 5 supervision of a licensed dentist if certain
 6 educational requirements are met; amending s. 466.023,
 7 F.S.; revising the scope and area of practice for
 8 dental hygienists, to conform to changes made by this
 9 act; providing an effective date.

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

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 13 Section 1. Present subsections (5) and (6) of section
 14 466.017, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7) and
 15 (8), respectively, and new subsections (5) and (6) are added to
 16 that section to read:

17 466.017 Prescription of drugs; anesthesia.—

18 (5) Notwithstanding s. 466.003, a dental hygienist under
 19 the direct supervision of a licensed dentist may administer
 20 intraoral block and soft tissue infiltration anesthesia to a
 21 nonsedated patient 18 years of age or older, if the following
 22 criteria are met:

23 (a) The dental hygienist has successfully completed a
 24 course in the administration of local anesthesia offered by a
 25 dental or dental hygiene program accredited by the Commission on
 26 Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or
 27 approved by the board. A course involving local anesthesia
 28 administration must contain a minimum of 30 hours of didactic

29 instruction and 30 hours of clinical experience. In the case of
 30 local anesthesia, the course of instruction shall include the
 31 following:

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

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

47 (6) Application for certification in the administration of
 48 local anesthesia under subsection (5) is at the discretion of
 49 the dental hygienist. The department shall issue a certificate
 50 to a dental hygienist who meets the criteria in subsection (5)
 51 after the initial completion of the requirements to administer
 52 local anesthesia. The certificate is not subject to renewal but
 53 is part of the dental hygienist's permanent record and must be
 54 prominently displayed where the dental hygienist is
 55 administering local anesthesia.

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56 Section 2. Subsection (6) of section 466.023, Florida
57 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7), and a new subsection
58 (6) is added to that section to read:

59 466.023 Dental hygienists; scope and area of practice.—

60 (6) Dental hygienists may administer local anesthesia as
61 provided in s. 466.017.

62 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.