

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; requiring dental
 7 hygienists to maintain current certification in basic
 8 or advanced cardiopulmonary resuscitation or advanced
 9 cardiac life support with recertification every 2
 10 years; amending s. 466.023, F.S.; revising the scope
 11 and area of practice for dental hygienists, to conform
 12 to changes made by this act; amending s. 466.024,
 13 F.S.; revising the delegated duties that are found to
 14 be remediable and delegable, to conform to changes
 15 made by this act; providing an effective date.

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

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

23 466.017 Prescription of drugs; anesthesia.—

24 (4) A dentist or dental hygienist who administers or
 25 employs the use of any form of anesthesia must possess a
 26 certification in either basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation for
 27 health professionals or advanced cardiac life support approved
 28 by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross or

29 | an equivalent agency-sponsored course with recertification every
 30 | 2 years. Each dental office which uses any form of anesthesia
 31 | must have immediately available and in good working order such
 32 | resuscitative equipment, oxygen, and other resuscitative drugs
 33 | as are specified by rule of the board in order to manage
 34 | possible adverse reactions.

35 | (5) A dental hygienist under the direct supervision of a
 36 | dentist may administer local anesthesia, including intraoral
 37 | block anesthesia, soft tissue infiltration anesthesia, or both,
 38 | to a nonsedated patient who is 18 years of age or older, if the
 39 | following criteria are met:

40 | (a) The dental hygienist has successfully completed a
 41 | course in the administration of local anesthesia which is
 42 | offered by a dental or dental hygiene program accredited by the
 43 | Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental
 44 | Association or approved by the board. The course must include a
 45 | minimum of 30 hours of didactic instruction and 30 hours of
 46 | clinical experience, and instruction in:

- 47 | 1. Theory of pain control.
- 48 | 2. Selection-of-pain-control modalities.
- 49 | 3. Anatomy.
- 50 | 4. Neurophysiology.
- 51 | 5. Pharmacology of local anesthetics.
- 52 | 6. Pharmacology of vasoconstrictors.
- 53 | 7. Psychological aspects of pain control.
- 54 | 8. Systematic complications.
- 55 | 9. Techniques of maxillary anesthesia.
- 56 | 10. Techniques of mandibular anesthesia.

57 11. Infection control.
 58 12. Medical emergencies involving local anesthesia.
 59 (b) The dental hygienist presents evidence of current
 60 certification in basic or advanced cardiac life support.
 61 (c) The dental hygienist possesses a valid certificate
 62 issued under subsection (6).
 63 (6) Any dental hygienist seeking a certificate to
 64 administer local anesthesia must apply to the department, remit
 65 an application fee, and submit proof of successful completion of
 66 a course in the administration of local anesthesia pursuant to
 67 subsection (5). The board shall certify, and the department
 68 shall issue a certificate to, any dental hygienist who fulfills
 69 the qualifications of subsection (5). The board shall establish
 70 a one-time application fee not to exceed \$35. The certificate is
 71 not subject to renewal but is part of the dental hygienist's
 72 permanent record and must be prominently displayed at the
 73 location where the dental hygienist is authorized to administer
 74 local anesthesia. The board shall adopt rules necessary to
 75 administer subsection (5) and this subsection.

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

78 466.023 Dental hygienists; scope and area of practice.—

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

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

83 466.024 Delegation of duties; expanded functions.—

84 (1) A dentist may not delegate irremediable tasks to a

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85 dental hygienist or dental assistant, except as provided by law.
86 A dentist may delegate remediable tasks to a dental hygienist or
87 dental assistant when such tasks pose no risk to the patient. A
88 dentist may only delegate remediable tasks so defined by law or
89 rule of the board. The board by rule shall designate which tasks
90 are remediable and delegable, except that the following are by
91 law found to be remediable and delegable:

92 (a) Taking impressions for study casts but not for the
93 purpose of fabricating any intraoral restorations or orthodontic
94 appliance.

95 (b) Placing periodontal dressings.

96 (c) Removing periodontal or surgical dressings.

97 (d) Removing sutures.

98 (e) Placing or removing rubber dams.

99 (f) Placing or removing matrices.

100 (g) Placing or removing temporary restorations.

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

102 (i) Polishing amalgam restorations.

103 (j) Polishing clinical crowns of the teeth for the purpose
104 of removing stains but not changing the existing contour of the
105 tooth.

106 (k) Obtaining bacteriological cytological specimens not
107 involving cutting of the tissue.

108 (l) Administering local anesthesia pursuant to s.
109 466.017(5).

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111 This subsection does not limit delegable tasks to those
112 specified herein.

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