

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to dentistry; amending s. 466.003,  
 3           F.S.; providing a definition; creating s. 466.0233,  
 4           F.S.; authorizing dental therapists to perform certain  
 5           remediable tasks under specified supervision;  
 6           providing requirements for licensure as a dental  
 7           therapist; providing an effective date.

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

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 11           Section 1. Subsections (6) through (15) of section  
 12   466.003, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7)  
 13   through (16), respectively, present subsection (15) is amended,  
 14   and a new subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

15           466.003 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

16           (6) "Dental therapist" means a person licensed by the  
 17   board to perform remediable tasks in a health access setting  
 18   under the general supervision of a dentist.

19           ~~(16)~~~~(15)~~ "School-based prevention program" means  
 20   preventive oral health services offered at a school by one of  
 21   the entities defined in subsection ~~(15)~~~~(14)~~ or by a nonprofit  
 22   organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under  
 23   s. 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, and described in s.  
 24   501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

25           Section 2. Section 466.0233, Florida Statutes, is created

26 | to read:

27 |       466.0233 Dental therapists; scope and area of practice;  
28 | licensure.-

29 |       (1) Except as otherwise provided in s. 466.024, a dental  
30 | therapist may perform remediable tasks that attain or maintain  
31 | optimal oral health as determined by the board under the general  
32 | supervision of a dentist. Those tasks include, but are not  
33 | limited to:

34 |       (a) Evaluation and assessment of periodontal disease,  
35 | preparation of an individualized dental treatment plan, and  
36 | dental charting.

37 |       (b) Preparation of the oral cavity.

38 |       (c) Placement of a temporary restoration.

39 |       (d) Extraction of primary teeth.

40 |       (e) Simple nonsurgical extraction of periodontally  
41 | diseased permanent teeth with mobility of +3 to +4, if such  
42 | teeth are not impacted, fractured, erupted, or in need of  
43 | sectioning for extraction.

44 |       (f) Pulpotomy on primary teeth.

45 |       (g) Preparation and placement of a preformed crown,  
46 | placement of a temporary crown, and recementing of a permanent  
47 | crown.

48 |       (h) Placement and removal of space maintainers on primary  
49 | teeth.

50 |       (i) Fabrication of an athletic mouthguard and a soft

51 | occlusal guard.

52 |       (j) Pulp vitality testing and indirect and direct pulp

53 | capping.

54 |       (k) Application of desensitizing medication or resin.

55 |       (l) Tissue conditioning and soft reline.

56 |       (m) Tooth reimplantation and stabilization of reimplanted

57 | teeth.

58 |       (n) An oral brush biopsy.

59 |       (o) Repair of a defective dental prosthesis.

60 |       (p) Administration of nitrous oxide.

61 |       (q) Emergency palliative treatment of dental pain.

62 |       (r) Management of dental trauma, including minor surgical

63 | extraction of permanent teeth and suture removal.

64 |       (s) Provision of dental referrals.

65 |       (2) In addition to the licensure requirements adopted by

66 | the board in s. 466.011, to obtain a license as a dental

67 | therapist an applicant shall present evidence to the board that

68 | he or she possesses a degree or certificate in a dental therapy

69 | program from an educational institution accredited by the

70 | Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental

71 | Association.

72 |       Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.