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SENATE BILL 58

Short Title: Dentists/General Anesthesia.

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Sponsors: Senators Block; and Carpenter.

Referred to: Human Resources.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE QUALIFIED DENTISTS TO ADMINISTER GENERAL ANESTHESIA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 90-29(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) A person shall be deemed to be practicing dentistry in this State who does, undertakes or attempts to do, or claims the ability to do any one or more of the following acts or things which, for the purposes of this Article, constitute the practice of dentistry:

- (1) Diagnoses, treats, operates, or prescribes for any disease, disorder, pain, deformity, injury, deficiency, defect, or other physical condition of the human teeth, gums, alveolar process, jaws, maxilla, mandible, or adjacent tissues or structures of the oral cavity;
- (2) Removes stains, accretions or deposits from the human teeth;
- (3) Extracts a human tooth or teeth;
- (4) Performs any phase of any operation relative or incident to the replacement or restoration of all or a part of a human tooth or teeth with any artificial substance, material or device;
- (5) Corrects the malposition or malformation of the human teeth;
- (6) Administers an anesthetic of any kind in the treatment of dental or oral diseases or physical conditions, or in preparation for or incident to any operation within the oral cavity; provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply to a lawfully qualified nurse or anesthetist

- 1 who administers such anesthetic under the supervision and direction of
2 a licensed dentist or physician;
- 3 (6a) Administers an anesthetic of any kind in preparation for or incident to
4 any operation not within the oral cavity and who is certified by the
5 American Dental Society of Anesthesiology;
- 6 (7) Takes or makes an impression of the human teeth, gums or jaws;
- 7 (8) Makes, builds, constructs, furnishes, processes, reproduces, repairs,
8 adjusts, supplies or professionally places in the human mouth any
9 prosthetic denture, bridge, appliance, corrective device, or other
10 structure designed or constructed as a substitute for a natural human
11 tooth or teeth or as an aid in the treatment of the malposition or
12 malformation of a tooth or teeth, except to the extent the same may
13 lawfully be performed in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 90-
14 29.1 and 90-29.2;
- 15 (9) Uses a Roentgen or X-ray machine or device for dental treatment or
16 diagnostic purposes, or gives interpretations or readings of dental
17 Roentgenograms or X rays;
- 18 (10) Performs or engages in any of the clinical practices included in the
19 curricula of recognized dental schools or colleges;
- 20 (11) Owns, manages, supervises, controls or conducts, either himself or by
21 and through another person or other persons, any enterprise wherein
22 any one or more of the acts or practices set forth in subdivisions (1)
23 through (10) above are done, attempted to be done, or represented to
24 be done;
- 25 (12) Uses, in connection with his name, any title or designation, such as
26 'dentist,' 'dental surgeon,' 'doctor of dental surgery,' 'D.D.S.,'
27 'D.M.D.,' or any other letters, words or descriptive matter which, in
28 any manner, represents him as being a dentist able or qualified to do or
29 perform any one or more of the acts or practices set forth in
30 subdivisions (1) through (10) above;
- 31 (13) Represents to the public, by any advertisement or announcement, by or
32 through any media, the ability or qualification to do or perform any of
33 the acts or practices set forth in subdivisions (1) through (10) above."
- 34 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.