

HOUSE BILL 1121

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Dental Hygienists – Community Oral Health and**
3 **Wellness Act**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a licensed dental hygienist, without the supervision of
5 a dentist, to volunteer without compensation to provide certain services in any
6 setting; and generally relating to the practice of licensed dental hygienists.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Health Occupations

9 Section 4–308.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Health Occupations**

15 **4–308.1.**

16 **NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, A LICENSED**
17 **DENTAL HYGIENIST, WITHOUT THE SUPERVISION OF A DENTIST, MAY**
18 **VOLUNTEER WITHOUT COMPENSATION TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES**
19 **IN ANY SETTING:**

20 **(1) ORAL HEALTH SCREENINGS AND RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR**
21 **DENTAL CARIES, PERIODONTAL DISEASE, AND HEAD AND NECK CANCER;**

22 **(2) ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) A REFERRAL TO A DENTAL HOME, AND FOLLOW-UP WHEN**
2 **POSSIBLE, THAT SERVES ALL POPULATIONS, INCLUDING LOW-INCOME OR**
3 **SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATIONS;**

4 **(4) FLUORIDE VARNISH TREATMENTS BEGINNING WITH TOOTH**
5 **ERUPTION FOR INDIVIDUALS AT MODERATE OR HIGH RISK FOR TOOTH DECAY,**
6 **IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF ORAL HEALTH OF THE DEPARTMENT,**
7 **A LICENSED DENTIST, OR A LICENSED PHYSICIAN; AND**

8 **(5) WELLNESS ASSESSMENTS THAT INCLUDE:**

9 **(I) BLOOD PRESSURE, PULSE, AND RESPIRATION;**

10 **(II) HEIGHT AND WEIGHT MEASUREMENTS;**

11 **(III) DIET AND NUTRITIONAL COUNSELING; AND**

12 **(IV) A REFERRAL TO A MEDICAL HOME, AND FOLLOW-UP**
13 **WHEN POSSIBLE, THAT SERVES ALL POPULATIONS, INCLUDING LOW-INCOME OR**
14 **SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATIONS.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2013.