

BY: Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 691

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike the first "Dentists" and substitute "Dentistry"; in the same line, after the second "Dentists" insert "and Dental Hygienists"; in line 4, after "State;" insert "establishing a license for a retired volunteer dental hygienist to practice dental hygiene in the State;"; in line 5, strike "procedure for the license" and substitute "procedures for certain licenses"; in line 6, after "license;" insert "providing for certain limitations on the authority to practice dental hygiene with a retired volunteer dental hygienist's license;"; in line 7, after "dentist" insert "and the practice of dental hygiene by a retired volunteer dental hygienist"; in lines 10 and 25, in each instance, strike "through (f)" and substitute ", (d), (e), and (f)"; in lines 11 and 27, in each instance, strike "through (g)" and substitute ", (e), (g), and (h)"; in line 16, after "4-101(i)" insert ", (j),"; and strike line 21 in its entirety and substitute "Section 4-302(i) and (j), 4-304(c) and (e), and 4-308(c) and (f)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 14, strike "AND"; in line 16, strike the period and substitute "; AND

(VII) A RETIRED VOLUNTEER DENTAL HYGIENIST'S LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE.

(j) (1) "Licensed dental hygienist" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a dental hygienist who is licensed by the Board to practice dental hygiene.

(2) "Licensed dental hygienist" includes, unless the context requires otherwise, a holder of:

(i) A general license to practice dental hygiene; [or]

(ii) A teacher's license to practice dental hygiene; OR

(Over)

(III) A RETIRED VOLUNTEER DENTAL HYGIENIST'S LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 6, strike "TITLE." and substitute "SUBTITLE.

(J) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (A), (B), AND (E) OF THIS SECTION, TO QUALIFY FOR A RETIRED DENTAL HYGIENIST'S LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE, THE APPLICANT SHALL:

(1) HAVE HAD A GENERAL LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE UNDER THIS TITLE WITHIN THE LAST 2 YEARS;

(2) COMPLETE THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS THAT THE BOARD ESTABLISHES FOR A GENERAL LICENSE; AND

(3) PROVIDE DENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES AS REQUIRED UNDER § 4-308(F) OF THIS SUBTITLE.";

after line 12, insert:

"(E) TO APPLY FOR A RETIRED VOLUNTEER DENTAL HYGIENIST'S LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE, AN APPLICANT:

(1) SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE BOARD ON THE FORM THAT THE BOARD REQUIRES; AND

(2) MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY AN APPLICATION FEE.";

and after line 33, insert:

"(F) WHILE IT IS EFFECTIVE, A RETIRED VOLUNTEER DENTAL HYGIENIST'S LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSEE TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE:

(1) ONLY IN A DENTAL OFFICE, DENTAL CLINIC, AMBULATORY CARE FACILITY, OR HOSPITAL;

(2) ONLY FOR AN ENTITY PROVIDING MEDICAL CARE TO THE POOR, ELDERLY, OR HANDICAPPED THAT IS OPERATED BY:

(I) THE STATE OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT;

(II) A BONA FIDE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION; OR

(III) ANY OTHER SETTING AUTHORIZED UNDER REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD;

(3) IF THE DENTAL HYGIENIST SIGNS A WRITTEN STATEMENT AGREEING TO DONATE AT LEAST 100 HOURS OF DENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES WITHOUT COMPENSATION IN A FACILITY THAT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (G)(1) AND (2) OF THIS SECTION;

(4) IF THE DENTAL HYGIENIST PROVIDES DOCUMENTATION AS REQUIRED BY THE BOARD WHICH EVIDENCES THAT THE LICENSEE IS COVERED BY MALPRACTICE INSURANCE; AND

(5) IF THE DENTAL HYGIENIST DOES NOT OTHERWISE PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE FOR PROFIT.”.