

SENATE BILL 511

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By: **Senators Middleton and Conway**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Dental Hygiene Students – Exception From Licensure**
3 **Requirements While Participating in Approved Educational Program**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that a certain licensure requirement does not apply to
5 certain students of dental hygiene while engaged in certain approved
6 educational programs in dental hygiene; and generally relating to an exception
7 from licensure requirements for dental hygiene students.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Health Occupations
10 Section 4–301
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Health Occupations**

16 4–301.

17 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual shall be
18 licensed by the Board to practice dentistry before the individual may practice dentistry
19 on a human being in this State.

20 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual shall be
21 licensed by the Board to practice dental hygiene before the individual may practice
22 dental hygiene on a human being in this State.

23 (b) This section does not apply to:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) A student of dentistry while engaged in an educational program at
2 an approved school of dentistry;

3 **(2) A STUDENT OF DENTAL HYGIENE WHILE ENGAGED IN AN**
4 **APPROVED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IN DENTAL HYGIENE;**

5 [(2)] **(3)** A dentist while performing official duties in a federal dental
6 service;

7 [(3)] **(4)** An individual licensed to practice dentistry in any other
8 state or a foreign country, while the individual:

9 (i) Makes a clinical demonstration before a dental society,
10 dental convention, association of dentists, or dental college; or

11 (ii) Performs professional duties on a specific case for which the
12 individual is called into this State; or

13 [(4)] **(5)** A dental assistant, if the dental assistant:

14 (i) Subject to the rules and regulations adopted by the Board,
15 performs only procedures that do not require the professional skills of a licensed
16 dentist; and

17 (ii) Performs intraoral tasks only under the direct supervision of
18 a licensed dentist who personally is present in the office area where the tasks are
19 performed.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2008.