

CHAPTER 185

(Senate Bill 511)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

Article – Health Occupations

4–301.

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

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

(b) This section does not apply to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.