SENATE BILL 1055

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By: Senator Muse

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1	AN ACT concerning					
$\frac{2}{3}$	Health Occupations – Restricted Volunteer Dentist's License – Restricted Volunteer Dental Hygienist's License					
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4	FOR the purpose of establishing a restricted volunteer dentist's license and a					
$\frac{5}{6}$	restricted volunteer dental hygienist's license under the State Board of Dental Examiners; establishing certain procedures to apply for certain licenses;					
7	establishing the scope of practice of certain licenses; providing that the holders					
8	of certain licenses may not be required to complete certain continuing education					
9	requirements as a condition of renewal of the licenses; defining certain terms;					
10	and generally relating to the establishment of a restricted volunteer dentist's					
11	license and a restricted volunteer dental hygienist's license.					
12	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,					
13	Article – Health Occupations					
14	Section 4–101, 4–304, 4–308, and 4–309					
15	Annotated Code of Maryland					
16	(2009 Replacement Volume)					
17	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF					
18	MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:					
19	Article - Health Occupations					
20	4–101.					
21	(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.					
22	(b) "Board" means the State Board of Dental Examiners.					
23	(c) "Dental appliance" means any:					

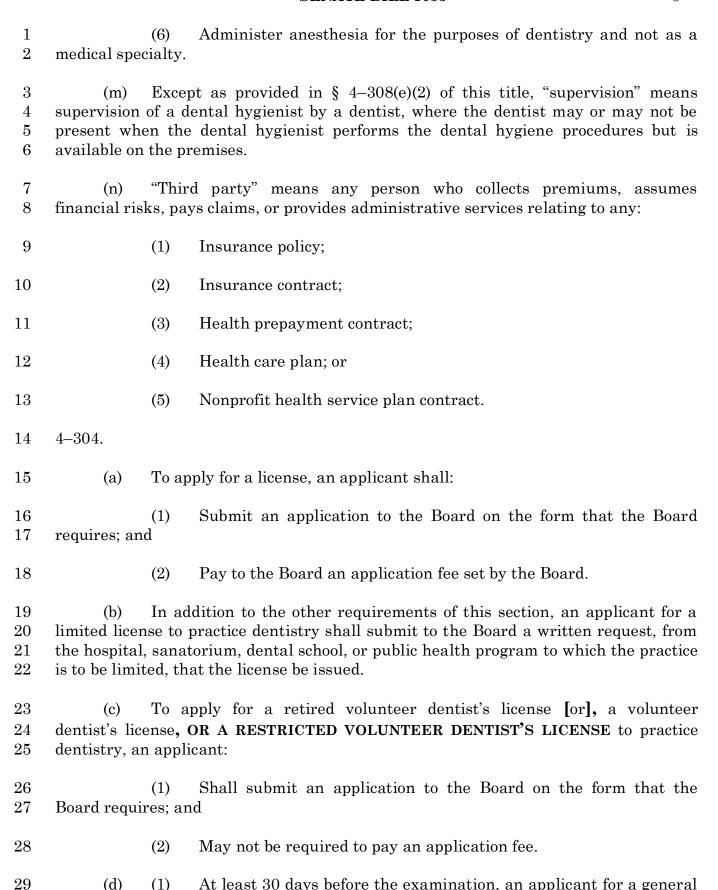
1	(1)	Oral	prosthesis;
2	(2)	Ortho	odontic appliance;
3	(3)	Regu	latory appliance;
4	(4)	Supp	ortive appliance; or
5	(5)	Other	r intraoral appliance or restoration.
6 7	(d) "Depractices dental l		gienist" means an individual, other than a dentist, who
8 9			oratory" means any commercial laboratory or workroom in n dental laboratory work.
10 11	(f) "De appliance extrao		oratory work" means making, repairing, or altering a dental
12	(g) "De	ntist" m	eans an individual who practices dentistry.
13 14	(h) (1) issued by the Boa		nse" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license
15		(i)	Practice dentistry; or
16		(ii)	Practice dental hygiene.
17	(2)	"Lice	nse" includes, unless the context requires otherwise:
18		(i)	A general license to practice dentistry;
19		(ii)	A limited license to practice dentistry;
20		(iii)	A teacher's license to practice dentistry;
21		(iv)	A general license to practice dental hygiene;
22		(v)	A teacher's license to practice dental hygiene;
23		(vi)	A retired volunteer dentist's license to practice dentistry;
24 25	dental hygiene;	(vii)	A retired volunteer dental hygienist's license to practice
26		(viii)	A volunteer dentist's license to practice dentistry; [and]

$\frac{1}{2}$	hygiene;	(ix)	A volunteer dental hygienist's license to practice dental
3 4	PRACTICE DENTI	(X) STRY;	A RESTRICTED VOLUNTEER DENTIST'S LICENSE TO AND
5 6	LICENSE TO PRAC	(XI) CTICE	A RESTRICTED VOLUNTEER DENTAL HYGIENIST'S DENTAL HYGIENE.
7 8	(i) (1) otherwise, a denta		nsed dental hygienist" means, unless the context requires nist who is licensed by the Board to practice dental hygiene.
9 10	(2) otherwise, a holder		nsed dental hygienist" includes, unless the context requires
11		(i)	A general license to practice dental hygiene;
12		(ii)	A teacher's license to practice dental hygiene;
13 14	dental hygiene; [or	(iii) r]	A retired volunteer dental hygienist's license to practice
15 16	hygiene; OR	(iv)	A volunteer dental hygienist's license to practice dental
17 18	LICENSE TO PRAC	(V) CTICE	A RESTRICTED VOLUNTEER DENTAL HYGIENIST'S DENTAL HYGIENE.
19 20	(j) (1) dentist who is lices		nsed dentist" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a the Board to practice dentistry.
21 22	(2) a holder of:	"Licer	nsed dentist" includes, unless the context requires otherwise,
23		(i)	A general license to practice dentistry;
24		(ii)	A limited license to practice dentistry;
25		(iii)	A teacher's license to practice dentistry;
26 27	[or]	(iv)	A retired volunteer dentist's license to practice dentistry;
28		(v)	A volunteer dentist's license to practice dentistry; OR

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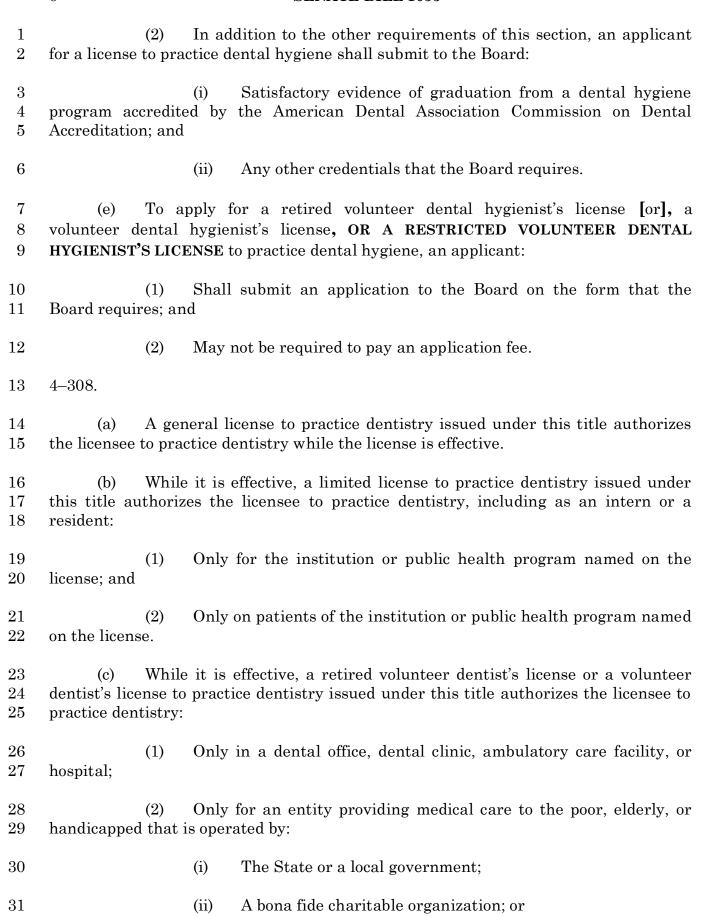
1 2	PRACTICE 1	DENTI	(VI) A RESTRICTED VOLUNTEER DENTIST'S LICENSE TO STRY.
3	(k)	"Prac	tice dental hygiene" means to:
4		(1)	Perform a preliminary dental examination;
5 6	deposit, acci	(2) retion,	Perform a complete prophylaxis, including the removal of any or stain from the surface of a tooth or a restoration;
7		(3)	Polish a tooth or a restoration;
8 9 10	and other polishing;	(4) featur	Chart cavities, restorations, missing teeth, periodontal conditions, res observed during preliminary examination, prophylaxis, or
11		(5)	Apply a medicinal agent to a tooth for a prophylactic purpose;
12		(6)	Take a dental X ray;
13 14	planing;	(7)	Perform a manual curettage in conjunction with scaling and root
15 16	title; or	(8)	Administer local anesthesia in accordance with § 4–206.1 of this
17 18	a rule or reg	(9) gulation	Perform any other intraoral function that the Board authorizes by a adopted under § 4–206 of this title.
19	(1)	"Prac	tice dentistry" means to:
20 21	place in whi	(1) ich a de	Be a manager, a proprietor, or a conductor of or an operator in any ental service or dental operation is performed intraorally;
22 23	intraoral de	(2) ntal op	Perform or attempt to perform any intraoral dental service or veration;
24 25 26 27 28	tooth, gum, an accredit	or jaw ed der	Diagnose, treat, or attempt to diagnose or treat any disease, injury, nalposition of a tooth, gum, or jaw, or structures associated with a if the service, operation, or procedure is included in the curricula of ntal school or in an approved dental residency program of an lor teaching institution;
29		(4)	Perform or offer to perform dental laboratory work;

Place or adjust a dental appliance in a human mouth; or



license to practice dental hygiene shall submit the application to the Board.

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$\frac{1}{2}$	(iii) Any other entity authorized under regulations adopted by the Board;
3 4 5	(3) If the dentist signs a written statement agreeing to donate at least 100 hours of dental services without compensation in a facility that satisfies the requirements of items (1) and (2) of this subsection;
6 7	(4) If the dentist provides documentation as required by the Board which evidences that the licensee is covered by malpractice insurance; and
8 9	(5) If the dentist does not otherwise practice dentistry for profit in Maryland.
10 11 12	(D) WHILE IT IS EFFECTIVE, A RESTRICTED VOLUNTEER DENTIST'S LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSEE TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY:
13 14	(1) ONLY IN A TEMPORARY DENTAL CLINIC PROVIDING MEDICAL CARE TO THE POOR, ELDERLY, OR DISABLED THAT IS OPERATED BY:
15	(I) A BONA FIDE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION; OR
16 17	(II) ANY OTHER ENTITY AUTHORIZED UNDER REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD;
18 19	(2) (I) IF THE DENTIST HOLDS AN UNRESTRICTED LICENSE IN ANOTHER STATE AS A LICENSEE IN GOOD STANDING; OR
20 21 22	(II) IF THE DENTIST IS A RETIRED DENTIST, ON THE DATE OF RETIREMENT HELD AN UNRESTRICTED LICENSE IN ANOTHER STATE AS A LICENSEE IN GOOD STANDING;
23 24 25	(3) IF THE DENTIST TREATS ONLY PATIENTS WHO HAVE BEEN SCREENED BY THE ENTITY PROVIDING MEDICAL CARE UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND ARE ELIGIBLE FOR TREATMENT;
26 27 28	(4) IF THE DENTIST HAS FULFILLED ANY REQUIREMENTS OF THE BOARD RELATED TO KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY IN THE STATE;
29 30	(5) If the dentist has not failed a clinical examination within the past 5 years;
31	(6) If the dentist has had at least 5 years of clinical

PRACTICE;

1 2 3	(7) IF THE DENTIST SIGNS A WRITTEN STATEMENT AGREEING TO DONATE DENTAL SERVICES WITHOUT COMPENSATION FOR AN ENTITY THAT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION;
4 5 6	(8) If the dentist provides documentation as required by the Board that evidences that the licensee is covered by malpractice insurance;
7 8	(9) If the dentist does not otherwise practice dentistry for profit in Maryland; and
9 10 11 12	(10) If the dentist has not held an active unrestricted license in another state and has been engaged in active practice in another state within the past 5 years, only if a licensed dentist reviews the quality of care rendered by the dentist.
13 14 15	[(d)] (E) While it is effective, a teacher's license to practice dentistry issued under this title authorizes the licensee to practice dentistry at only the following institutions:
16	(1) The institution named on the license; and
17 18	(2) Other affiliated institutions as appropriate because of the specialized nature of the services to be performed.
19 20 21	[(e)] (F) (1) Except as provided in subsection [(h)] (J) of this section, while it is effective, a general license to practice dental hygiene issued under this title authorizes the licensee to practice dental hygiene:
22	(i) Under the supervision of a licensed dentist who is:
23 24	1. On the premises and available for personal consultation while the services are being performed; or
25 26 27	2. Not on the premises while authorized dental hygiene services are provided when the requirements of subsection [(i)] (K) of this section have been fully satisfied; and
28	(ii) Only in a:
29	1. Dental office;
30	2. Dental clinic;
31	3. Hospital;

1		4.	School;
2		5.	Charitable institution; or
3 4	State Insurance Commis	6. sioner.	Health maintenance organization certified by the
5 6	(2) (i) supervision requirement		Board may waive, on a case by case basis only, the s subsection for:
7 8	the State, or a local gove	1. rnment	A dental facility owned and operated by the federal, t;
9 10	and Mental Hygiene;	2.	A health facility licensed by the Department of Health
11 12	or handicapped that is ov	3. wned a	A facility providing medical care to the poor, elderly, nd operated by:
13		A.	The State or a local government; or
14		В.	A bona fide charitable organization; or
15 16	adopted by the Board.	4.	Any other setting authorized under regulations
17 18	(ii) general supervision in ac		iver is not required to practice dental hygiene under ace with subsection [(h)] (J) of this section.
19 20	(3) The subsection if:	Board	may grant a waiver under paragraph (2) of this
21 22	(i) application;	The f	acility requesting the waiver has submitted a written
23 24	(ii) emergency plan of action		acility requesting the waiver has submitted a medical time of application; and
25	(iii)	The E	Board finds that:
26		1.	Good cause exists to justify the granting of the waiver;
27 28 29	equipment where appropriate delivery of d		Adequate facilities and equipment, including portable and appropriate armamentarium, are available for the tygiene services; and

1 Adequate safeguards are present to protect the 3. 2 patient's health and safety. 3 The Board, upon written request or its own motion, may **(4)** (i) 4 conduct a public informational meeting on any waiver application. 5 The Board shall maintain records of all waiver applications (ii) and the criteria and basis for its action on each application. 6 7 The Board shall have the power to inspect or review any (iii) 8 facility, location, person, or entity applying for, covered by, or acting under a waiver. 9 Except as provided under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the Board shall accept or deny a waiver under paragraph (2) of this 10 subsection within 60 calendar days of the receipt of the application for the waiver or it 11 12 shall be deemed to have been accepted. 13 (ii) If extraordinary circumstances exist, the Board shall accept 14 or deny a waiver under paragraph (2) of this subsection within 90 calendar days of the receipt of the application for the waiver or it shall be deemed to have been accepted. 15 16 Any changes in the procedures or personnel of a facility with a 17 waiver granted under this subsection shall be reported to the Board within 15 18 business days after the change. 19 While it is effective, a retired volunteer dental hygienist's license [(f)] (G) 20 or a volunteer hygienist's license to practice dental hygiene issued under this title 21authorizes the licensee to practice dental hygiene: 22 (1) Only in a dental office, dental clinic, ambulatory care facility, or 23 hospital; 24 (2) Only for an entity providing medical care to the poor, elderly, or handicapped that is operated by: 25 26 (i) The State or a local government; 27 A bona fide charitable organization; or (ii) 28 Any other entity authorized under regulations adopted by (iii) 29 the Board; 30 If the dental hygienist signs a written statement agreeing to (3)31 donate at least 100 hours of dental hygiene services without compensation in a facility

that satisfies the requirements of items (1) and (2) of this subsection;

- 1 If the dental hygienist provides documentation as required by the 2 Board which evidences that the licensee is covered by malpractice insurance; and 3 If the dental hygienist does not otherwise practice dental hygiene 4 for profit in Maryland. (H) WHILE IT IS EFFECTIVE, A RESTRICTED VOLUNTEER DENTAL 5 6 HYGIENIST'S LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSEE 7 TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE: 8 **(1)** ONLY IN A TEMPORARY DENTAL CLINIC PROVIDING MEDICAL 9 CARE TO THE POOR, ELDERLY, OR DISABLED THAT IS OPERATED BY: 10 **(I)** A BONA FIDE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION; OR 11 (II)ANY OTHER ENTITY AUTHORIZED UNDER REGULATIONS 12 ADOPTED BY THE BOARD; **(2)** 13 (I)IF THE DENTAL HYGIENIST HOLDS AN UNRESTRICTED LICENSE IN ANOTHER STATE AS A LICENSEE IN GOOD STANDING; OR 14 IF THE DENTAL HYGIENIST IS A RETIRED DENTAL 15 HYGIENIST, ON THE DATE OF RETIREMENT HELD AN UNRESTRICTED LICENSE IN 16 17 ANOTHER STATE AS A LICENSEE IN GOOD STANDING; 18 IF THE DENTAL HYGIENIST TREATS ONLY PATIENTS WHO HAVE BEEN SCREENED BY THE ENTITY PROVIDING MEDICAL CARE UNDER ITEM 19 20 (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND ARE ELIGIBLE FOR TREATMENT; 21IF THE DENTAL HYGIENIST HAS FULFILLED ANY OF THE 22REQUIREMENTS OF THE BOARD RELATED TO KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAWS AND 23REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF DENTAL HYGIENE IN THE STATE; 24IF THE DENTAL HYGIENIST HAS NOT FAILED A CLINICAL 25**EXAMINATION WITHIN THE PAST 5 YEARS;** 26 **(6)** IF THE DENTAL HYGIENIST HAS HAD AT LEAST 5 YEARS OF 27CLINICAL PRACTICE;
- 28 (7) IF THE DENTAL HYGIENIST SIGNS A WRITTEN STATEMENT 29 AGREEING TO DONATE DENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES WITHOUT COMPENSATION
- 30 FOR AN ENTITY THAT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF ITEM (1) OF THIS
- 31 SUBSECTION;

- IF THE DENTAL HYGIENIST PRACTICES DENTAL HYGIENE 1 **(8)** 2 ONLY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED DENTIST IN THE STATE; 3 IF THE DENTAL HYGIENIST PROVIDES DOCUMENTATION AS 4 REQUIRED BY THE BOARD THAT EVIDENCES THAT THE LICENSEE IS COVERED 5 BY MALPRACTICE INSURANCE; AND 6 (10) IF THE DENTAL HYGIENIST DOES NOT OTHERWISE PRACTICE 7 DENTAL HYGIENE FOR PROFIT IN THE STATE. 8 While it is effective, a teacher's license to practice dental hygiene [(g)] (I) 9 issued under this title authorizes the licensee to: 10 (1) Teach dental hygiene only at the institution named on the license; 11 and 12 (2)Practice dental hygiene under the general supervision of a licensed 13 dentist with the institution named on the license. 14 [(h)] (J) (i) In this subsection the following words have the (1) meanings indicated. 15 16 "Contractual employee" means a dental hygienist who has (ii) 17 an annual contract to practice dental hygiene an average of at least 8 hours per week in a facility specified under paragraph (3)(i) of this subsection. 18 19 "Facility" includes a program operated within a facility that 20 is specified under paragraph (3)(i) of this subsection. 21 "Federally qualified health center" has the meaning stated (iv) in 42 U.S.C. § 254b(a). 2223 "Federally qualified health center look-alike" has the (v) 24 meaning stated in 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(l)(2)(B). 25 "General supervision" means supervision of a dental hygienist by a dentist, where the dentist may or may not be present when the dental 26 27 hygienist performs the dental hygiene procedures.
- 28 (2) (i) While effective, a general license to practice dental hygiene 29 issued under this title authorizes the licensee to practice dental hygiene and apply 30 sealants or fluoride agents such as professional topical fluoride treatments, mouth 31 rinse, or varnish:

$\frac{1}{2}$	subsection that complies	2. In a facility specified under paragraph (3)(i) of this with the requirements of this subsection.
3	(ii)	This subsection may not be construed to:
4 5	hygiene independent of a	1. Authorize a dental hygienist to practice dental supervising dentist;
6 7	consultation or on the pre	2. Prohibit a dentist from being available for personal emises where a dental hygienist is practicing; or
8 9	section.	3. Require a waiver under subsection [(e)] (F) of this
10 11 12	(3) (i) hygiene issued under this general supervision in:	While it is effective, a general license to practice dental stitle authorizes the licensee to practice dental hygiene under
13 14	the State, or a local gover	1. A dental facility owned and operated by the federal, rnment;
15 16	State or a county;	2. A public health department or public school of the
17 18	Department is operating;	3. A facility in which a program licensed by the
19 20	Juvenile Services;	4. A facility owned and operated by the Department of
21 22	government that provides	5. A facility owned and operated by the State or a local s medical care to the poor, elderly, or handicapped;
23 24	or a federally qualified he	6. A facility in which a federally qualified health center ealth center look—alike is located; or
25 26	Program or Early Head S	7. A facility in which a State licensed Head Start Start Program operates.
27 28 29	2	Before a facility may allow a dental hygienist authorized to under general supervision in accordance with this subsection the facility shall report to the Board:
30 31	supervision; and	1. That the facility is operating under general

the supervising dentist;

1 2	dental hygienist.	2.	The identity of each supervising dentist and each
3 4 5	* *	•	n which a dental hygienist is authorized to practice of a licensed dentist in accordance with this subsection
6	(i)	The s	supervising dentist for the facility:
7 8	the State;	1.	Holds an active general license to practice dentistry in
9 10	level C proficiency, or its	2. s equiva	Holds a current certificate evidencing health provider alent, in cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and
11 12	patient care;	3.	Has at least 2 years of active clinical practice in direct
13 14	(ii) general supervision of a		dental hygienist authorized to practice under the ed dentist in accordance with this subsection:
15 16	hygiene in the State;	1.	Holds an active general license to practice dental
17 18	level C proficiency, or its	2. s equiva	Holds a current certificate evidencing health provider alent, in cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
19 20	patient care; and	3.	Has at least 2 years of active clinical practice in direct
21 22	government, a state or le		Is a permanent or contractual employee of the federal vernment, or a federally qualified health center;
23	(iii)	The f	facility has:
24		1.	A medical emergency plan;
25 26 27	where appropriate and delivery of dental hygier		Adequate equipment, including portable equipment priate armamentarium, available for the appropriate ices; and
28 29	and safety;	3.	Adequate safeguards to protect the patient's health
30 31 32		nder th	ecall patient who has been examined by a dental ne general supervision of a licensed dentist will be tion every 6 months, or as otherwise recommended by

1 2 3	(v) A dental hygienist practicing under the general supervision of a licensed dentist ascertains before treating a recall patient that there has been no change in the patient's medical history;
4 5 6	(vi) A dental hygienist consults with the supervising dentist, the patient's dentist, or a treating physician before proceeding with treatment if there is a change in the patient's medical history;
7 8	(vii) Adequate facilities and equipment are available for the delivery of dental hygiene services other than fluoride rinse programs; and
9 10 11	(viii) Reports to the Board any changes in the status of the facility's general supervision, any supervising dentist, or any dental hygienist within 30 days after the change.
12 13	[(i)] (K) (1) In this subsection, "private dental office" means a dental office owned and operated by:
14	(i) A licensed dentist; or
15 16	(ii) A professional corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership owned and controlled by a licensed dentist.
17 18 19	(2) While it is effective, a general license to practice dental hygiene issued under this title authorizes the licensee to practice dental hygiene under the general supervision of a licensed dentist in a private dental office.
20 21	(3) A private dental office in which a dental hygienist is authorized to practice under the general supervision of a licensed dentist shall ensure that:
22 23	(i) The supervising dentist holds an active license to practice dentistry in this State;
24 25	(ii) The dental hygienist holds an active license to practice dental hygiene in this State;
26 27	(iii) The dental hygienist has at least 1,500 hours of dental hygiene clinical practice in direct patient care; and
28 29 30 31 32	(iv) There is a written agreement between the supervising dentist and the dental hygienist practicing under general supervision that clearly sets forth the terms and conditions under which the dental hygienist may practice, including a statement that the dental hygienist may provide dental hygiene services without the supervising dentist on the premises.

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- 1 **(4)** A dental hygienist may perform authorized dental hygiene services 2 without the supervising dentist on the premises only if: 3 After the supervising dentist examines and evaluates a 4 patient, the prescribed and authorized treatment to be provided by the dental 5 hygienist is written in the patient's records; 6 (ii) Treatments authorized by a supervising dentist to be 7 provided by the dental hygienist are rendered no later than 7 months from the date 8 the patient was examined and evaluated by the supervising dentist; and 9 2. Upon expiration of a prescription or prescribed treatment, the supervising dentist examines and reevaluates the patient before 10 writing a new prescription and authorization for treatment; 11 12 Prior to an appointment, the patient or the custodial parent (iii) or legal guardian of a minor or incompetent adult shall: 13 14 Be informed that a dental hygienist will be providing 1. services previously prescribed by a dentist who will not be on the premises during the 15 appointment; and 16 17 2. Consent to receiving the dental hygiene services; 18 Written emergency procedures are in place and the dental hygienist is trained to implement the emergency procedures: 19 20 A designated licensed dentist is available for consultation 21 with the dental hygienist; and 22 The number of unsupervised clinical hours worked by a 23 supervised dental hygienist in any given 3-month period is less than 60 percent of the dental hygienist's total hours worked during that 3-month period. 24 25 A supervising dentist may not employ more than two dental hygienists to work under the dentist's general supervision at any given time. 26 27 4-309. 28 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a license expires
 - (2) Except as provided in § 4–303.1 of this subtitle, a limited license to practice dentistry expires on the first anniversary of its effective date.

on the date set by the Board, unless the license is renewed for an additional term as

provided in this section. A license may not be renewed for a term longer than 2 years.

33 (3) A teacher's license to practice dentistry or a teacher's license to 34 practice dental hygiene expires on the earlier of:

1	(i)	The date set by the Board, unless the license is renewed for
2	an additional term as pro	vided in this section; or

- 3 (ii) The date when the licensee ceases to be a full-time or 4 part-time faculty member at the institution named on the license.
- 5 (b) If a teacher's license to practice dentistry expires because the licensee no 6 longer is a full-time or part-time faculty member at the institution named on the 7 license, the licensee shall surrender the license to the Board secretary within 30 days.
- 8 (C) THE HOLDER OF A RESTRICTED VOLUNTEER DENTIST'S LICENSE OR
 9 A RESTRICTED VOLUNTEER DENTAL HYGIENIST'S LICENSE MAY NOT BE
 10 REQUIRED TO COMPLETE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AS A
 11 CONDITION OF RENEWAL OF THE LICENSE.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010.