

Chapter 382

(House Bill 101)

AN ACT concerning

Dental Hygienists – Nitrous Oxide – Repeal of Termination Date

FOR the purpose of repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law relating to the authority of a dental hygienist to monitor a patient to whom nitrous oxide is administered; and generally relating to the practice of dental hygiene.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 4–101(k)(9), 4–205(a)(1)(ix), and 4–206.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 271 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011
Section 2

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 272 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011
Section 2

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

Article – Health Occupations

4–101.

(k) “Practice dental hygiene” means to:

(9) Monitor, in accordance with § 4–206.2 of this title, a patient to whom nitrous oxide is administered; or

4–205.

(a) In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board may:

(1) Adopt regulations governing:

(ix) Reasonable requirements for:

1. The education, training, evaluation, and examination of a dental hygienist before a dental hygienist may monitor a patient to whom nitrous oxide is being administered, subject to § 4–206.2 of this subtitle; and

2. Monitoring by a dental hygienist, in accordance with § 4–206.2 of this subtitle, of a patient to whom nitrous oxide is being administered;

4–206.2.

(a) A dental hygienist may monitor a patient to whom nitrous oxide is administered provided the monitoring of the patient is under the supervision of a dentist who is physically present on the premises.

(b) Before a dental hygienist may monitor a patient to whom nitrous oxide is administered, the dental hygienist shall successfully complete the following:

(1) Any educational requirements established by the Board; and

(2) A written and clinical examination as required by the Board.

(c) A dental hygienist shall complete the educational requirements established by the Board under subsection (b)(1) of this section through an accredited dental hygiene program.

Chapter 271 of the Acts of 2011

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2011. [It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of September 30, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

Chapter 272 of the Acts of 2011

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2011. [It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of September 30, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor, May 5, 2014.