

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 193

5 By: Senator J. Bookout
6 By: Representative Lamoureux
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT CONCERNING DENTAL HYGIENIST SERVICES TO
11 THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION AND THE DEPARTMENT
12 OF COMMUNITY CORRECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT CONCERNING DENTAL HYGIENIST
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16 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
17 CORRECTION.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-82-104(d)(1), concerning dental
24 hygienist services to the Department of Correction and Department of
25 Community Correction, is amended to read as follows:

26 (d)(1) A registered licensed dental hygienist working at a an Arkansas
27 Department of Correction or Arkansas Department of Community Correction
28 facility may work under the general supervision of a licensed dentist.

29 (2) "General supervision", as used in this subsection, means
30 that a licensed dentist has authorized the procedures but is not required to
31 be present in the treatment facility while the procedures are being performed
32 by the dental hygienist. The following restrictions apply:

33 (A) The dentist shall establish a written office protocol
34 that specifically indicates when a hygienist may treat a patient and when a
35 patient is to be seen by a dentist;

36 (B) The hygienist shall specifically adhere to the



1 protocol for treatment developed by the dentist;

2 ~~(C) General supervision is limited to prophylaxis,~~
3 ~~application of sealant, root planing, and any duties normally assigned to~~
4 ~~dental assistants;~~

5 (C) A dental hygienist working under general supervision
6 may perform any duties that a dental hygienist is authorized to perform under
7 this chapter and the rules and regulations of the Arkansas State Board of
8 Dental Examiners, but may do so only after the inmate, offender, resident, or
9 jail detainee has been examined by a licensed dentist; and

10 ~~(D) The dentist is to review and countersign all entries~~
11 ~~made in the patient's chart by the hygienist within seven (7) working days;~~

12 ~~(E) All hygienists working in a general supervision~~
13 ~~capacity shall be currently certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and~~

14 ~~(F)~~(D) The hygienist shall review a patient's dental
15 health history prior to treatment.

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