

"AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS TO ISSUE A PERMIT TO DENTISTS WHO DESIRE TO ADMINISTER TO A PATIENT GENERAL ANESTHESIA, IV SEDATION OR CONSCIOUS SEDATION UTILIZING NITROUS OXIDE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Any dentist who desires to administer to a patient general anesthesia, IV sedation, or conscious sedation utilizing nitrous oxide as defined by the Rules and Regulations of the State Board of Dental Examiners in the State of Arkansas, shall apply in writing for a permit from the Board, shall submit to an on-site inspection by the Board, as defined and described in the Rules and Regulations, and shall transmit with the application a fee reasonably calculated by the Board to cover the costs and expenses of administering the on-site inspection and otherwise administering this Act. The application shall request such information as the Board may require as stated in its Rules and Regulations. The dentist receiving a permit to administer general anesthesia, IV sedation, or conscious sedation may administer the same in compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Board.

SECTION 2. All permits issued to dentists who administer general anesthesia, IV sedation, or conscious sedation, and to be issued by the Board, shall continue in full force and effect until forfeited, suspended or revoked, provided, that on July 1st of each year every dentist must renew his permit with the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners on forms prepared and furnished by the Board. A renewal fee calculated by the Board to cover the costs of any on-site inspection and otherwise administering this Act must accompany the form. Failure to renew a permit will terminate the authority of a dentist to administer general anesthesia, IV sedation, or conscious sedation.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this Act shall be supplemental to the provisions of Act 14 of 1955 as amended, and other acts supplemental thereto, and shall repeal only such laws as are in direct conflict herewith.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that existing laws regulating the practice of dentistry do not provide for the permitting of a dentist to administer to a patient general anesthesia, IV sedation, or conscious sedation utilizing nitrous oxide; that provision for the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners to regulate the dentists who administer general anesthesia, IV sedation, or conscious sedation utilizing nitrous oxide is necessary for the health and safety of the general public; that there is an emergency need for such provision, and that enactment of this measure will remedy this dangerous situation. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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