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A Bill

SENATE BILL

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By: Senator Bookout

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARK. CODE ANN. §17-82-317(a) TO SET FORTH THE PROCEDURES FOR A DISCIPLINARY HEARING ON THE LICENSE OF A DENTIST OR DENTAL HYGIENIST OR A PERMIT TO PERFORM EXPANDED DUTIES BY A DENTAL ASSISTANT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Ark. Code Ann. §17-82-317(a) is amended to read as follows:

"(a) If the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners, or any other person, has reason to believe that any license issued to a dentist or dental hygienist or a permit to perform expanded duties issued to a dental assistant should be suspended or revoked because of the existence of some cause provided for in this chapter, the Board, or such other person, shall file with the Secretary of the Board written charges against the holder thereof specifically setting forth the offense complained of. The charges filed with the Secretary of the Board will become the basis for a disciplinary hearing upon the finding by a majority vote of the board that sufficient cause exists to conduct said disciplinary hearing."

SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the existing laws regulating a disciplinary hearing before the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners is in

need of amendment; that the provisions for amendment of the Dental Practice Act which sets forth their procedure to conduct a disciplinary hearing before the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners is necessary to insure the proper enforcement of the provisions governing the practice of dentistry in the State of Arkansas; that there is an emergency need for such a provision and that an enactment of the measure will remedy this 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.