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4 By: Senator Bookout

A Bill

SENATE BILL 23

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED §17-82-103(c) TO
9 ESTABLISH AND DEFINE THE POWERS OF A DENTAL HYGIENIST TO
10 ADMINISTER TOPICAL ANESTHETICS AND LOCAL ANESTHETICS; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "POWERS OF DENTAL HYGIENIST TO
15 ADMINISTER TOPICAL ANESTHETICS AND LOCAL
16 ANESTHETICS"

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

20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated §17-82-103(c) is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 "(c)(1) No dental hygienist shall administer any anesthetic other than
23 the administration under the supervision of a licensed dentist of a local
24 anesthetic using topical application or regional injection of a drug as
25 delineated in regulations promulgated by the Arkansas State Board of Dental
26 Examiners.

27 (2) A dental hygienist shall apply to the board for a
28 certificate to administer local anesthetics. The board shall not issue a
29 certificate until the applicant has met the requirements set forth by the
30 board.

31 (3) The board shall require proof of a current certificate of a
32 health care provider level of basic life support before issuing a *certificate*
33 *and* a yearly renewal certificate to administer local anesthetic.

34 (4) The board *may* establish fees for services relating to
35 certification and certification renewal."

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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. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that it is necessary for a dental hygienist to provide local anesthetic services to the general public and that therefore immediate effect should be given to this measure. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

/s/Bookout

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