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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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OTHER	_____	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health Professions &
2 Programs Subcommittee

3 Representative Chaney offered the following:

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5 **Amendment**

6 Remove lines 614-747 and insert:

7 (5) A dental hygienist under the direct supervision of a
8 dentist may administer local anesthesia, including intraoral
9 block anesthesia, soft tissue infiltration anesthesia, or both,
10 to a nonsedated patient who is 18 years of age or older, if the
11 following criteria are met:

12 (a) The dental hygienist has successfully completed a
13 course in the administration of local anesthesia which is
14 offered by a dental or dental hygiene program accredited by the
15 Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental
16 Association or approved by the board. The course must include a

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17 minimum of 30 hours of didactic instruction and 30 hours of
18 clinical experience, and instruction in:

- 19 1. Theory of pain control.
- 20 2. Selection-of-pain-control modalities.
- 21 3. Anatomy.
- 22 4. Neurophysiology.
- 23 5. Pharmacology of local anesthetics.
- 24 6. Pharmacology of vasoconstrictors.
- 25 7. Psychological aspects of pain control.
- 26 8. Systematic complications.
- 27 9. Techniques of maxillary anesthesia.
- 28 10. Techniques of mandibular anesthesia.
- 29 11. Infection control.
- 30 12. Medical emergencies involving local anesthesia.

31 (b) The dental hygienist presents evidence of current
32 certification in basic or advanced cardiac life support.

33 (c) The dental hygienist possesses a valid certificate
34 issued under subsection (8) ~~(6)~~.

35 (6) A dental therapist, under the direct supervision of a
36 dentist may administer local anesthesia, including intraoral
37 block anesthesia, soft tissue infiltration anesthesia, or both,
38 if the following criteria are met:

39 (a) The dental therapist has successfully completed a
40 course in the administration of local anesthesia that meets the
41 requirements described in paragraph (5)(a).

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42 (b) The dental therapist presents evidence of current
43 certification in basic or advanced cardiac life support.

44 (c) The dental therapist possesses a valid certificate
45 issued under subsection (8).

46 (7) A dental therapist providing services in a mobile
47 dental unit may administer local anesthesia, including intraoral
48 block anesthesia, soft tissue infiltration anesthesia, or both,
49 under the general supervision of a dentist, if she or he meets
50 the criteria described in subsection (6).

51 ~~(8)~~ (6) Any dental therapist or dental hygienist seeking a
52 certificate to administer local anesthesia must apply to the
53 department, remit an application fee, and submit proof of
54 successful completion of a course in the administration of local
55 anesthesia pursuant to subsection (5). The board shall certify,
56 and the department shall issue a certificate to, any dental
57 therapist or dental hygienist who fulfills the qualifications of
58 subsection (5). The board shall establish a one-time application
59 fee not to exceed \$35. The certificate is not subject to renewal
60 but is part of the dental therapist or dental hygienist's
61 permanent record and must be prominently displayed at the
62 location where the dental therapist or dental hygienist is
63 authorized to administer local anesthesia. The board shall adopt
64 rules necessary to administer subsections (5), (6), (7), and
65 this subsection.

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66 (9)-(7) A licensed dentist, or a dental therapist who is
67 authorized by her or his supervising dentist, may operate
68 ~~utilize~~ an X-ray machine, expose dental X-ray films, and
69 interpret or read such films. Notwithstanding ~~The provisions of~~
70 ~~part IV of chapter 468 to the contrary notwithstanding,~~ a
71 licensed dentist, or a dental therapist who is authorized by her
72 or his supervising dentist, may authorize or direct a dental
73 assistant to operate such equipment and expose such films under
74 her or his direction and supervision, pursuant to rules adopted
75 by the board in accordance with s. 466.024 which ensure that the
76 ~~said~~ assistant is competent by reason of training and experience
77 to operate the X-ray ~~said~~ equipment in a safe and efficient
78 manner. The board may charge a fee not to exceed \$35 to defray
79 the cost of verifying compliance with requirements adopted
80 pursuant to this section.

81 (10)-(8) Notwithstanding ~~The provisions of~~ s. 465.0276
82 ~~notwithstanding,~~ a dentist need not register with the board or
83 comply with the continuing education requirements of that
84 section if the dentist confines her or his dispensing activity
85 to the dispensing of fluorides and chlorhexidine ~~ehlorhexidine~~
86 rinse solutions; provided that the dentist complies with and is
87 subject to all laws and rules applicable to pharmacists and
88 pharmacies, including, but not limited to, chapters 465, 499,
89 and 893, and all applicable federal laws and regulations, when
90 dispensing such products.

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91 (14) A dental therapist must notify the board in writing
92 by registered mail within 48 hours after any adverse incident
93 related to or resulting from the administration of local
94 anesthesia. A complete written report must be filed with the
95 board within 30 days after the mortality or other adverse
96 incident.

97 (15)-(12) A failure by the dentist, dental therapist, or
98 dental hygienist to timely and completely comply with all the
99 reporting requirements in this section is the basis for
100 disciplinary action by the board pursuant to s. 466.028(1).

101 (17)-(14) As used in subsections (11)-(16) ~~(9)-(13)~~, the
102 term "adverse incident" means any mortality that occurs during
103 or as the result of a dental procedure, or an incident that
104 results in a temporary or permanent physical or mental injury
105 that requires hospitalization or emergency room treatment of a
106 dental patient which occurs during or as a direct result of the
107 use of general anesthesia, deep sedation, moderate sedation,
108 pediatric moderate sedation, oral sedation, minimal sedation
109 (anxiolysis), nitrous oxide, or local

110 **Section 12. Subsection (1) of section 466.018, Florida**
111 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

112 466.018 Dentist of record; patient records.—

113 (1) Each patient must ~~shall~~ have a dentist of record. The
114 dentist of record shall remain primarily responsible for all
115 dental treatment on such patient regardless of whether the

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116 treatment is rendered by that ~~the~~ dentist or by another dentist,
117 a dental therapist, a dental hygienist, or a dental assistant
118 rendering such treatment in conjunction with, at the direction
119 or request of, or under the supervision of such dentist of
120 record. The dentist of record must ~~shall~~ be identified in the
121 record of the patient. If treatment is rendered by a dentist
122 other than the dentist of record or by a dental hygienist,
123 dental therapist, or dental assistant, the name or initials of
124 such person must ~~shall~~ be placed in the record of the patient.
125 In any disciplinary proceeding brought pursuant to this chapter
126 or chapter 456, it must ~~shall~~ be presumed as a matter of law
127 that treatment was rendered by the dentist of record unless
128 otherwise noted on the patient record pursuant to this section.
129 The dentist of record and any other treating dentist are subject
130 to discipline pursuant to this chapter or chapter 456 for
131 treatment rendered to the patient and performed in violation of
132 such chapter. One of the purposes of this section is to ensure
133 that the responsibility for each patient is assigned to one
134 dentist in a multidentist practice of any nature and to assign
135 primary responsibility to the dentist for treatment rendered by
136 a dental hygienist, dental therapist, or dental assistant under
137 her or his supervision. This section may ~~shall~~ not be construed
138 to assign any responsibility to a dentist of record for
139 treatment rendered pursuant to a proper referral to another
140 dentist who does not ~~in~~ practice with the dentist of record or

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141 to prohibit a patient from voluntarily selecting a new dentist
142 without permission of the dentist of record.

143 **Section 13. Section 466.0225, Florida Statutes, is created**
144 **to read:**

145 466.0225 Examination of dental therapists; licensing.—

146 (1) (a) Any person desiring to be licensed as a dental
147 therapist must apply to the department.

148 (b) Applicants for licensure must also submit to
149 background screening in accordance with s. 456.0135.

150 (2) The department shall license an applicant who the
151 board certifies meets all of the following criteria:

152 (a) Is 18 years of age or older.

153 (b) Is a graduate of a dental therapy college or school
154 accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on
155 Dental Accreditation or its successor entity, if any, or any
156 other dental therapy accrediting entity recognized by the United
157 States Department of Education. For applicants applying for a
158 dental therapy license before January 1, 2030, the board must
159 approve the applicant's dental therapy education program if the
160 program was administered by a college or school that operates an
161 accredited dental or dental hygiene program and the college or
162 school certifies to the board that the applicant's education
163 substantially conformed to the education standards established
164 by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental
165 Accreditation or its successor entity.

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166 (c) Has successfully completed a dental therapy practical
167 or clinical examination produced by the American Board of Dental
168 Examiners, Inc., or its successor entity, if any, if the board
169 finds that the successor entity's examination meets or exceeds
170 the requirements of this section. If an applicant fails to pass
171 such an examination in three attempts, the applicant is not
172 eligible to retake the examination unless the applicant
173 completes additional education requirements as specified by the
174 board.

175 (d) Has successfully completed a written examination on
176 the laws and rules of this state regulating the practice of
177 dental therapy.

178 (e) Has not been disciplined by a board, except for
179 citation offenses or minor violations.

180 (f) Has not been convicted of or pled nolo contendere to,
181 regardless of adjudication, any felony or misdemeanor related to
182 the practice of a health care profession.

183 (3) An applicant who meets the requirements of this
184 section and who has successfully completed an examination
185 identified in paragraph (2) (c) in a jurisdiction other than this
186 state, or who has successfully completed a comparable
187 examination administered or approved by the licensing authority
188 in a jurisdiction other than this state, shall be licensed to
189 practice dental therapy in this state if the board determines

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190 | that the other jurisdiction's examination is substantially
191 | similar to those identified in paragraph (2)(c).