

SENATE BILL 459

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By: **Senators Conway and Middleton**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2013

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Dental Hygienists – Provision of Services Without**
3 **Supervision**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a licensed dental hygienist, without the supervision of
5 a dentist, to provide certain services in any setting; and generally relating to the
6 practice of licensed dental hygienists.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Health Occupations

9 Section 4–308.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Health Occupations**

15 **4–308.1.**

16 **NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, A LICENSED**
17 **DENTAL HYGIENIST, WITHOUT THE SUPERVISION OF A DENTIST, MAY PROVIDE**
18 **THE FOLLOWING SERVICES IN ANY SETTING:**

19 **(1) ORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS ASSESSMENTS;**

20 **(2) DENTAL HYGIENE EDUCATION;**

21 **(3) A REFERRAL TO A DENTAL HOME; AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(4) FLUORIDE VARNISH TREATMENTS.**

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
3 October 1, 2013.