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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~**Health Occupations—Advanced Practice Dental Hygiene**~~
3 ~~**Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland**~~

4 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to adopt regulations for~~
5 ~~the licensure of advanced practice dental hygienists and the practice of advanced~~
6 ~~practice dental hygiene; requiring the Board to adopt regulations establishing~~
7 ~~criteria for taking certain actions relating to a delegation agreement; requiring the~~
8 ~~Board to adopt a code of ethics for the practice of advanced practice dental hygiene;~~
9 ~~requiring the Board to set certain fees and to pay all fees collected to the Comptroller;~~
10 ~~requiring the Comptroller to distribute all fees to the State Board of Dental~~
11 ~~Examiners Fund; requiring, with certain exceptions and beginning on a certain date,~~
12 ~~that an individual be licensed by the Board before the individual may practice~~
13 ~~advanced practice dental hygiene in the State; providing for the construction of~~
14 ~~certain provisions of this Act; requiring that a license issued to an advanced practice~~
15 ~~dental hygienist limit the advanced practice dental hygienist's scope of practice to~~
16 ~~certain acts; specifying certain patient services that may be provided by an advanced~~
17 ~~practice dental hygienist under certain circumstances; establishing that an~~
18 ~~advanced practice dental hygienist is the agent of the supervising dentist under~~
19 ~~certain circumstances; prohibiting a dentist from delegating acts to an advanced~~
20 ~~practice dental hygienist unless the dentist has submitted a certain delegation~~
21 ~~agreement and received approval from the Board; requiring that a delegation~~
22 ~~agreement include certain elements and attestations; requiring that a delegation~~
23 ~~agreement be submitted with a certain application fee; requiring the Board to set the~~
24 ~~fee in a certain manner; limiting the number of advanced practice dental hygienists~~
25 ~~that a supervising dentist may supervise at the same time; establishing the~~

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



~~qualifications that an applicant must meet to qualify for a license to practice advanced practice dental hygiene and for an advanced practice dental hygienist licensed in another state to obtain a license; requiring an applicant to submit a certain application and pay a certain fee to apply for a license to practice advanced practice dental hygiene; requiring the Board to issue a license to a certain applicant; providing that a license authorizes an individual to practice as an advanced practice dental hygienist in the State under certain circumstances while the license is effective; authorizing an advanced practice dental hygienist to practice under the general supervision of a dentist except under certain circumstances; providing for the renewal and reinstatement of an advanced practice dental hygienist license; requiring a licensed advanced practice dental hygienist to notify the Board in writing of a change in name or address within a certain period of time; prohibiting a licensed advanced practice dental hygienist from surrendering a license and prohibiting the lapse of a license under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board to take certain disciplinary action against an applicant or a licensee for certain reasons; authorizing the Board to impose a certain fine on a licensee under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to adopt regulations to set certain standards; requiring the Board to pay a certain fine into the General Fund of the State; requiring the Board to give a certain individual an opportunity for a hearing before the Board and to give certain notice and hold the hearing in accordance with certain provisions of law; authorizing the Board to issue subpoenas and administer oaths under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain court to take certain action against an individual who disobeys a subpoena from the Board or an order by the Board; authorizing the Board to hear and determine a certain matter under certain circumstances; authorizing an individual aggrieved by a decision of the Board to take certain action under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board to reinstate the certificate of an individual whose license has been revoked; prohibiting an individual from practicing, attempting to practice, or offering to practice advanced practice dental hygiene in the State without a license; establishing certain penalties for violations of certain provisions of this Act; establishing a certain short title; requiring the Board to report certain information to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before certain dates; stating the intent of the General Assembly regarding the initial funding of the Board and the reimbursement to the General Fund for certain costs under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to licensing of advanced practice dental hygienists and the State Board of Dental Examiners~~ establishing the Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland.

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article — Health Occupations~~

~~Section 4-6A-01 through 4-6A-24 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6A-
Advanced Practice Dental Hygiene”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)~~

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

(a) There is a Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

(1) the Deputy Secretary for Health Care Financing, or the Deputy
Secretary’s designee;

(2) the Dean of the University of Maryland School of Dentistry, or the
Dean’s designee;

(3) the Secretary of the Maryland Higher Education Commission, or the
Secretary’s designee;

(4) the Dental Director of Maryland Healthy Smiles Dental Program, or
the Dental Director’s designee;

(5) the Director of the Office of Oral Health in the Maryland Department
of Health, or the Director’s designee;

(6) one representative each from the following organizations, selected by
the organization:

(i) Maryland State Dental Association;

(ii) Maryland Dental Society;

(iii) Maryland Dental Hygienists’ Association;

(iv) Advocates for Children and Youth;

(v) Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council;

(vi) Maryland Alliance for the Poor;

(vii) Maryland Association of Community Colleges, who is
knowledgeable about community college-based dental auxiliary programs;

(viii) State Board of Dental Examiners; and

1 (ix) Maryland Dental Action Coalition; and

2 (7) the following representatives appointed by the cochairs of the Task
3 Force:

4 (i) one representative from a nonprofit organization that advocates
5 for the health needs of the poor and that has experience organizing a Mission of Mercy
6 project;

7 (ii) one dentist working in a federally qualified health center or other
8 clinic providing dental services to underserved adults or children;

9 (iii) one representative of the nursing home industry; and

10 (iv) one dental hygienist who works in a federally qualified health
11 center or other clinic providing dental services to underserved adults or children.

12 (c) The Deputy Secretary for Health Care Financing, or the Deputy Secretary's
13 designee, and the Dean of the University of Maryland School of Dentistry, or the Dean's
14 designee, shall be cochairs of the Task Force.

15 (d) The Maryland Department of Health and the Department of Legislative
16 Services shall provide staff for the Task Force.

17 (e) A member of the Task Force:

18 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

19 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
20 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

21 (f) The Task Force shall:

22 (1) analyze the current access to dental services for all residents of the
23 State with a focus on residents affected by poverty, disabilities, or aging;

24 (2) identify areas of the State where a significant number of residents are
25 not receiving oral health care services, distinguishing between the pediatric and adult
26 populations;

27 (3) identify barriers to receiving dental services in the areas identified
28 under item (2) of this subsection, including:

29 (i) the impact of low oral health literacy;

30 (ii) the lack of understanding of oral health and its relationship to
31 overall health;

- 1 (iii) the cost or the existence of limited resources;
2 (iv) the young age of parents of pediatric Medicaid–eligible children;
3 (v) the location of dental offices, focusing on a lack of transportation;
4 (vi) language and cultural barriers;
5 (vii) the lack of Medicaid dental coverage or dental insurance;
6 (viii) inconvenient office hours; and
7 (ix) factors that relate to anxiety and lack of understanding of the
8 need for dental services;

9 (4) analyze the specific impact of each barrier identified under item (3) of
10 this subsection;

11 (5) assess options to eliminate the barriers identified under item (3) of this
12 subsection, including:

13 (i) methods to educate physicians of the need to refer their patients
14 for dental care;

15 (ii) methods to facilitate children beginning to receive dental care by
16 age 1;

17 (iii) methods to facilitate the delivery of dental care to patients who
18 are elderly, especially those in assisted living and nursing homes;

19 (iv) methods to begin reestablishing dental Medicaid for adults,
20 including making a cost benefit analysis;

21 (v) evaluating the benefits of mid–level providers, including a dental
22 therapist, and the cost and efficacy of establishing an education program for dental therapy
23 that meets Commission on Dental Accreditation standards;

24 (vi) in assessing the potential role for a dental therapist:

25 1. making an assessment of existing educational
26 opportunities, if any, for the study of dental therapy and a determination of the feasibility
27 of expanding educational opportunities in the State for the study of dental therapy;

28 2. performing an examination of the experience in
29 Minnesota, including the number of dental therapists licensed, the number currently
30 enrolled in programs, the cost of the dental therapy education, and the extent to which

1 dental therapists are providing services in clinics and private practice serving low-income
 2 patients; and

3 3. making a determination whether the implementation of a
 4 dental therapist program in Maryland will significantly increase access to quality dental
 5 care to the underserved poor, disabled, or elderly;

6 (vii) the impact of reinstating hospital-based dental residency
 7 programs;

8 (viii) the expansion of current programs and initiatives, such as dental
 9 community health workers, across the State;

10 (ix) the expansion of public education programs in the schools,
 11 through local health departments, to show the need for preventive dental services; and

12 (x) financial support to dentists who agree to provide care in
 13 underserved areas, or who agree to provide lower-cost or pro bono dental services; and

14 (6) make recommendations regarding methods to increase access to dental
 15 services in the State.

16 (g) (1) On or before May 1, 2019, the Task Force shall submit an interim report
 17 of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of
 18 the State Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
 19 Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.

20 (2) On or before December 1, 2019, the Task Force shall submit a final
 21 report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with §
 22 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental
 23 Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.

24 ~~**Article – Health Occupations**~~

25 ~~**SUBTITLE 6A. ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE.**~~

26 ~~**4-6A-01.**~~

27 ~~**(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**~~
 28 ~~**INDICATED.**~~

29 ~~**(B) “ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL**~~
 30 ~~**WHO HOLDS A LICENSE TO PRACTICE ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE IN**~~
 31 ~~**THE STATE.**~~

1 ~~(C) "DELEGATION AGREEMENT" MEANS A DOCUMENT EXECUTED BY A~~
2 ~~SUPERVISING DENTIST AND AN ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST AND THAT~~
3 ~~MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 4-6A-06 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

4 ~~(D) "DIRECT SUPERVISION" MEANS SUPERVISION BY A LICENSED DENTIST~~
5 ~~WHO IS READILY AVAILABLE AT THE PRACTICE SITE OF AN ADVANCED PRACTICE~~
6 ~~DENTAL HYGIENIST FOR CONSULTATION OR INTERVENTION.~~

7 ~~(E) "GENERAL SUPERVISION" MEANS SUPERVISION BY A LICENSED~~
8 ~~DENTIST WHO MAY OR MAY NOT BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT AT THE PRACTICE SITE OF~~
9 ~~AN ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST.~~

10 ~~(F) "PRACTICE ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE" MEANS TO~~
11 ~~PROVIDE ORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, INCLUDING PREVENTIVE, ORAL~~
12 ~~EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT, EDUCATIONAL, PALLIATIVE, THERAPEUTIC, AND~~
13 ~~RESTORATIVE SERVICES, AS AUTHORIZED BY A SUPERVISING DENTIST.~~

14 ~~4-6A-02.~~

15 ~~THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT:~~

16 ~~(1) REGULATIONS FOR THE LICENSURE AND PRACTICE OF ADVANCED~~
17 ~~PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE;~~

18 ~~(2) REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR APPROVING,~~
19 ~~DISAPPROVING, OR MODIFYING A DELEGATION AGREEMENT SUBMITTED BY A~~
20 ~~SUPERVISING DENTIST AND AN ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST; AND~~

21 ~~(3) A CODE OF ETHICS FOR THE PRACTICE OF ADVANCED PRACTICE~~
22 ~~DENTAL HYGIENE.~~

23 ~~4-6A-03.~~

24 ~~(A) THE BOARD SHALL SET REASONABLE FEES FOR:~~

25 ~~(1) THE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF LICENSES; AND~~

26 ~~(2) THE OTHER SERVICES RENDERED BY THE BOARD IN CONNECTION~~
27 ~~WITH ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENISTS.~~

28 ~~(B) (1) THE BOARD SHALL PAY ALL FEES COLLECTED UNDER THIS~~
29 ~~SUBTITLE TO THE COMPTROLLER.~~

~~(2) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE ALL FEES TO THE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 4-207 OF THIS TITLE.~~

~~4-6A-04.~~

~~(A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE LICENSED BY THE BOARD BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL MAY PRACTICE ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE IN THE STATE.~~

~~(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:~~

~~(1) A STUDENT OF ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE WHILE ENGAGED IN AN APPROVED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IN ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE; OR~~

~~(2) AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED TO PRACTICE ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE IN ANY OTHER STATE OR COUNTRY WHILE THE INDIVIDUAL MAKES A CLINICAL DEMONSTRATION BEFORE A DENTAL SOCIETY, A DENTAL CONVENTION, OR AN ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE CLASS.~~

~~4-6A-05.~~

~~(A) THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO AUTHORIZE AN ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST TO PRACTICE INDEPENDENTLY OF A SUPERVISING DENTIST.~~

~~(B) A LICENSE ISSUED TO AN ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST SHALL LIMIT THE ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST'S SCOPE OF PRACTICE TO ACTS:~~

~~(1) APPROPRIATE TO THE EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE OF THE ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST; AND~~

~~(2) CUSTOMARY TO THE PRACTICE OF THE SUPERVISING DENTIST.~~

~~(C) PATIENT SERVICES THAT MAY BE PROVIDED BY AN ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A SUPERVISING DENTIST INCLUDE:~~

~~(1) ANY ACTS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF A LICENSED DENTAL HYGIENIST;~~

~~(2) ANY SERVICES AND PROCEDURES INCLUDED IN THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE STANDARDS;~~

1 ~~(3) INTERPRETATION OF RADIOGRAPHS;~~

2 ~~(4) PLACEMENT OF SPACE MAINTAINERS;~~

3 ~~(5) PULPOTOMIES ON PRIMARY TEETH;~~

4 ~~(6) AN ORAL EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT OF DENTAL DISEASE~~
5 ~~AND THE FORMATION OF AN INDIVIDUALIZED TREATMENT PLAN; AND~~

6 ~~(7) NONSURGICAL EXTRACTIONS OF ERUPTED, PERIODONTALLY~~
7 ~~DISEASED PERMANENT TEETH WITH TOOTH MOBILITY OF +3.~~

8 ~~(D) AN ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST MAY NOT PERFORM ANY~~
9 ~~DENTAL ACT FOR WHICH:~~

10 ~~(1) THE INDIVIDUAL HAS NOT BEEN LICENSED; AND~~

11 ~~(2) THE DENTAL ACTS HAVE NOT BEEN DELEGATED BY A~~
12 ~~SUPERVISING DENTIST.~~

13 ~~(E) AN ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST IS THE AGENT OF THE~~
14 ~~SUPERVISING DENTIST IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ALL PRACTICE RELATED~~
15 ~~ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE ORAL, WRITTEN, AND ELECTRONIC ORDERING OF~~
16 ~~DIAGNOSTIC, THERAPEUTIC, AND ANY OTHER DENTAL SERVICES.~~

17 ~~4-6A-06.~~

18 ~~(A) A DENTIST MAY NOT DELEGATE ACTS TO AN ADVANCED PRACTICE~~
19 ~~DENTAL HYGIENIST UNLESS THE DENTIST HAS SUBMITTED A DELEGATION~~
20 ~~AGREEMENT UNDER THIS SECTION AND RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD.~~

21 ~~(B) THE DELEGATION AGREEMENT SHALL INCLUDE:~~

22 ~~(1) A DESCRIPTION OF THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE SUPERVISING~~
23 ~~DENTIST AND THE ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST;~~

24 ~~(2) THE PRACTICE SETTINGS IN WHICH THE ADVANCED PRACTICE~~
25 ~~DENTAL HYGIENIST MAY PROVIDE SERVICES;~~

26 ~~(3) A DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTINUOUS, GENERAL OR DIRECT~~
27 ~~SUPERVISION MECHANISMS THAT ARE REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE TO THE~~
28 ~~PRACTICE SETTING;~~

1 ~~(4) A DESCRIPTION OF THE DELEGATED DENTAL ACTS THAT ARE~~
2 ~~WITHIN THE SUPERVISING DENTIST'S SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND REQUIRE~~
3 ~~SPECIALIZED EDUCATION OR TRAINING THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH ACCEPTED~~
4 ~~DENTAL PRACTICE;~~

5 ~~(5) AN ATTESTATION THAT ALL DENTAL ACTS TO BE DELEGATED TO~~
6 ~~THE ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF~~
7 ~~PRACTICE OF THE SUPERVISING DENTIST AND APPROPRIATE TO THE ADVANCED~~
8 ~~PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST'S EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND LEVEL OF~~
9 ~~COMPETENCE;~~

10 ~~(6) AN ATTESTATION OF CONTINUOUS, GENERAL OR DIRECT~~
11 ~~SUPERVISION OF THE ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST BY THE~~
12 ~~SUPERVISING DENTIST THROUGH THE MECHANISMS DESCRIBED IN THE~~
13 ~~DELEGATION AGREEMENT;~~

14 ~~(7) AN ATTESTATION BY THE SUPERVISING DENTIST OF THE~~
15 ~~SUPERVISING DENTIST'S ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY CARE GIVEN BY~~
16 ~~THE ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST;~~

17 ~~(8) A DESCRIPTION PREPARED BY THE SUPERVISING DENTIST OF THE~~
18 ~~PROCESS BY WHICH THE ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST'S PRACTICE IS~~
19 ~~REVIEWED, APPROPRIATE TO THE PRACTICE SETTING AND CONSISTENT WITH~~
20 ~~CURRENT STANDARDS OF ACCEPTABLE DENTAL PRACTICE;~~

21 ~~(9) AN ATTESTATION BY THE SUPERVISING DENTIST THAT THE~~
22 ~~SUPERVISING DENTIST WILL RESPOND IN A TIMELY MANNER WHEN CONTACTED BY~~
23 ~~THE ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST; AND~~

24 ~~(10) ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE BOARD TO CARRY~~
25 ~~OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

26 ~~(c) (1) THE DELEGATION AGREEMENT SHALL BE SUBMITTED WITH THE~~
27 ~~APPLICATION FEE SET BY THE BOARD.~~

28 ~~(2) THE BOARD SHALL SET THE FEE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION~~
29 ~~SO AS TO PRODUCE FUNDS TO APPROXIMATE THE COST OF REVIEWING AND~~
30 ~~APPROVING DELEGATION AGREEMENTS AND ANY OTHER RELATED SERVICES~~
31 ~~PROVIDED.~~

32 ~~(d) A SUPERVISING DENTIST MAY NOT SUPERVISE MORE THAN SIX~~
33 ~~ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENISTS AT THE SAME TIME.~~

34 ~~4-6A-07.~~

1 ~~(A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, TO QUALIFY FOR~~
2 ~~A LICENSE, AN APPLICANT MUST BE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS THE~~
3 ~~REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.~~

4 ~~(B) THE APPLICANT MUST:~~

5 ~~(1) BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER;~~

6 ~~(2) BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD;~~

7 ~~(3) BE A LICENSED DENTAL HYGIENIST;~~

8 ~~(4) SATISFY THE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS IN § 4-6A-09 OF THIS~~
9 ~~SUBTITLE; AND~~

10 ~~(5) SATISFY THE EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS IN § 4-6A-10 OF~~
11 ~~THIS SUBTITLE.~~

12 ~~4-6A-08.~~

13 ~~(A) AN ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST LICENSED IN ANOTHER~~
14 ~~STATE SHALL QUALIFY FOR A LICENSE IN THIS STATE IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS AN~~
15 ~~APPLICANT WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.~~

16 ~~(B) THE APPLICANT:~~

17 ~~(1) MUST BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER;~~

18 ~~(2) MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD;~~

19 ~~(3) MUST:~~

20 ~~(i) SATISFY THE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS IN § 4-6A-09 OF~~
21 ~~THIS SUBTITLE; OR~~

22 ~~(ii) BE CERTIFIED BY THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE OF THE~~
23 ~~U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE~~
24 ~~FEDERAL INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT;~~

25 ~~(4) MUST SATISFY THE EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS IN § 4-6A-10~~
26 ~~OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND~~

27 ~~(5) MAY NOT:~~

1 ~~(I) BE UNDER INVESTIGATION BY A DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY~~
2 ~~OF ANOTHER STATE OR COUNTRY, OR HAVE CHARGES PENDING AGAINST THE~~
3 ~~APPLICANT'S LICENSE IN ANOTHER STATE OR COUNTRY; AND~~

4 ~~(II) HAVE BEEN DISCIPLINED BY A DISCIPLINARY OR~~
5 ~~LICENSING AUTHORITY OF ANOTHER STATE OR COUNTRY OR CONVICTED OR~~
6 ~~DISCIPLINED BY A COURT OF ANOTHER STATE OR COUNTRY FOR AN ACT THAT~~
7 ~~WOULD BE GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION UNDER § 4-6A-17 OF THIS~~
8 ~~SUBTITLE.~~

9 ~~4-6A-09.~~

10 ~~TO QUALIFY FOR AN ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST LICENSE, AN~~
11 ~~APPLICANT MUST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE AN ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL~~
12 ~~HYGIENIST EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT:~~

13 ~~(1) IS ADMINISTERED BY AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION~~
14 ~~THAT MEETS THE STANDARDS OF THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION;~~

15 ~~(2) ADDRESSES THE DENTAL CARE NEEDS OF PATIENTS WITH~~
16 ~~SPECIAL NEEDS, INCLUDING:~~

17 ~~(i) INDIVIDUALS WHOSE MEDICAL, PHYSICAL,~~
18 ~~PSYCHOLOGICAL, COGNITIVE, OR SOCIAL SITUATIONS MAKE IT NECESSARY TO~~
19 ~~CONSIDER A WIDE RANGE OF ASSESSMENT AND CARE OPTIONS TO PROVIDE DENTAL~~
20 ~~TREATMENT;~~

21 ~~(ii) INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES,~~
22 ~~COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT, COMPLEX MEDICAL PROBLEMS, OR SIGNIFICANT~~
23 ~~PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS; AND~~

24 ~~(iii) THE VULNERABLE ELDERLY; AND~~

25 ~~(3) MEETS ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE~~
26 ~~DENTAL HYGIENE EDUCATION PROGRAMS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD IN~~
27 ~~REGULATION.~~

28 ~~4-6A-10.~~

29 ~~TO QUALIFY FOR AN ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST LICENSE, AN~~
30 ~~APPLICANT MUST PASS A COMPREHENSIVE COMPETENCY-BASED CLINICAL~~
31 ~~EXAMINATION THAT IS:~~

1 ~~(1) APPROVED BY THE BOARD AS MEETING REQUIREMENTS~~
2 ~~ESTABLISHED IN REGULATION; AND~~

3 ~~(2) ADMINISTERED BY:~~

4 ~~(I) A NATIONAL OR REGIONAL TESTING AGENCY; OR~~

5 ~~(II) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITH AN~~
6 ~~ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM.~~

7 ~~4-6A-11.~~

8 ~~(A) TO APPLY FOR A LICENSE, AN APPLICANT SHALL:~~

9 ~~(1) SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE BOARD ON THE FORM THAT THE~~
10 ~~BOARD REQUIRES; AND~~

11 ~~(2) PAY TO THE BOARD THE APPLICATION FEE SET BY THE BOARD.~~

12 ~~(B) THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT WHO MEETS THE~~
13 ~~REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

14 ~~4-6A-12.~~

15 ~~A LICENSE AUTHORIZES AN INDIVIDUAL TO PRACTICE AS AN ADVANCED~~
16 ~~PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST IN THE STATE WHILE THE LICENSE IS EFFECTIVE.~~

17 ~~4-6A-13.~~

18 ~~(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, AN~~
19 ~~ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST MAY PRACTICE UNDER THE GENERAL~~
20 ~~SUPERVISION OF A DENTIST.~~

21 ~~(B) BEFORE PRACTICING UNDER THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF A~~
22 ~~SUPERVISING DENTIST, AN ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST SHALL~~
23 ~~PRACTICE UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A DENTIST FOR AT LEAST 500~~
24 ~~HOURS.~~

25 ~~4-6A-14.~~

26 ~~(A) (1) A LICENSE EXPIRES ON A DATE SET BY THE BOARD, UNLESS THE~~
27 ~~LICENSE IS RENEWED FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.~~

28 ~~(2) A LICENSE MAY NOT BE RENEWED FOR A TERM LONGER THAN 2~~
29 ~~YEARS.~~

1 ~~(B) AT LEAST 1 MONTH BEFORE A LICENSE EXPIRES, THE BOARD SHALL~~
2 ~~SEND TO THE LICENSED ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST A RENEWAL~~
3 ~~NOTICE THAT STATES:~~

4 ~~(1) THE DATE ON WHICH THE CURRENT LICENSE EXPIRES;~~

5 ~~(2) THE DATE BY WHICH THE RENEWAL APPLICATION MUST BE~~
6 ~~RECEIVED BY THE BOARD FOR THE RENEWAL TO BE ISSUED AND SENT BEFORE THE~~
7 ~~LICENSE EXPIRES; AND~~

8 ~~(3) THE AMOUNT OF THE RENEWAL FEE.~~

9 ~~(C) BEFORE A LICENSE EXPIRES, THE LICENSED ADVANCED PRACTICE~~
10 ~~DENTAL HYGIENIST PERIODICALLY MAY RENEW THE LICENSE FOR AN ADDITIONAL~~
11 ~~TERM IF THE LICENSEE:~~

12 ~~(1) OTHERWISE IS ENTITLED TO BE LICENSED;~~

13 ~~(2) PAYS TO THE BOARD A RENEWAL FEE SET BY THE BOARD; AND~~

14 ~~(3) SUBMITS TO THE BOARD:~~

15 ~~(i) A RENEWAL APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE BOARD~~
16 ~~REQUIRES; AND~~

17 ~~(ii) SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE~~
18 ~~CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION FOR~~
19 ~~LICENSE RENEWAL.~~

20 ~~(D) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS~~
21 ~~ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD, THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH CONTINUING~~
22 ~~EDUCATION AS A CONDITION OF THE RENEWAL OF A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

23 ~~(E) THE BOARD SHALL RENEW THE LICENSE OF EACH LICENSEE WHO~~
24 ~~MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.~~

25 ~~(F) THE BOARD SHALL REINSTATE THE LICENSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO~~
26 ~~HAS FAILED TO RENEW THE LICENSE FOR ANY REASON IF THE INDIVIDUAL:~~

27 ~~(1) APPLIES FOR REINSTATEMENT AFTER THE DATE THE LICENSE~~
28 ~~EXPIRES;~~

29 ~~(2) MEETS THE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION; AND~~

1 ~~(3) PAYS TO THE BOARD THE REINSTATEMENT FEE SET BY THE~~
2 ~~BOARD.~~

3 ~~4-6A-15.~~

4 ~~A LICENSED ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST SHALL NOTIFY THE~~
5 ~~BOARD IN WRITING OF A CHANGE IN NAME OR ADDRESS WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE~~
6 ~~CHANGE.~~

7 ~~4-6A-16.~~

8 ~~UNLESS THE BOARD AGREES TO ACCEPT THE SURRENDER OF A LICENSE, A~~
9 ~~LICENSED ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST MAY NOT SURRENDER THE~~
10 ~~LICENSE AND THE LICENSE MAY NOT LAPSE BY OPERATION OF LAW WHILE THE~~
11 ~~LICENSEE IS UNDER INVESTIGATION OR WHILE CHARGES ARE PENDING AGAINST~~
12 ~~THE LICENSEE.~~

13 ~~4-6A-17.~~

14 ~~SUBJECT TO THE HEARING PROVISIONS OF § 4-6A-19 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE~~
15 ~~BOARD MAY DENY A LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT, FINE A LICENSEE, REPRIMAND A~~
16 ~~LICENSEE, PLACE A LICENSEE ON PROBATION, OR SUSPEND OR REVOKE A LICENSE,~~
17 ~~IF THE APPLICANT OR LICENSEE:~~

18 ~~(1) FRAUDULENTLY OR DECEPTIVELY OBTAINS OR ATTEMPTS TO~~
19 ~~OBTAIN A LICENSE FOR THE APPLICANT OR LICENSEE OR FOR ANOTHER;~~

20 ~~(2) FRAUDULENTLY OR DECEPTIVELY USES A LICENSE;~~

21 ~~(3) IS GUILTY OF UNPROFESSIONAL OR IMMORAL CONDUCT IN THE~~
22 ~~PRACTICE OF ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE;~~

23 ~~(4) IS PROFESSIONALLY, PHYSICALLY, OR MENTALLY INCOMPETENT;~~

24 ~~(5) ABANDONS A PATIENT;~~

25 ~~(6) IS HABITUALLY INTOXICATED;~~

26 ~~(7) IS ADDICTED TO OR HABITUALLY ABUSES ANY NARCOTIC OR~~
27 ~~CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE AS DEFINED IN § 5-101 OF THE CRIMINAL~~
28 ~~LAW ARTICLE;~~

29 ~~(8) PROVIDES PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WHILE:~~

1 ~~(I) UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL; OR~~

2 ~~(H) USING ANY NARCOTIC OR CONTROLLED DANGEROUS~~
3 ~~SUBSTANCE, AS DEFINED IN § 5-101 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE, OR ANY~~
4 ~~OTHER DRUG THAT IS IN EXCESS OF THERAPEUTIC AMOUNTS OR WITHOUT VALID~~
5 ~~MEDICAL INDICATION;~~

6 ~~(9) PROMOTES THE SALE OF SERVICES, DRUGS, DEVICES,~~
7 ~~APPLIANCES, OR GOODS TO A PATIENT SO AS TO EXPLOIT THE PATIENT FOR~~
8 ~~FINANCIAL GAIN;~~

9 ~~(10) WILLFULLY MAKES OR FILES A FALSE REPORT OR RECORD IN THE~~
10 ~~PRACTICE OF ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE;~~

11 ~~(11) WILLFULLY FAILS TO FILE OR RECORD A REPORT AS REQUIRED~~
12 ~~UNDER LAW, WILLFULLY IMPEDES OR OBSTRUCTS THE FILING OR RECORDING OF A~~
13 ~~REPORT, OR INDUCES ANOTHER TO FAIL TO FILE OR RECORD A REPORT;~~

14 ~~(12) BREACHES PATIENT CONFIDENTIALITY;~~

15 ~~(13) PAYS OR AGREES TO PAY ANY SUM OR PROVIDE ANY FORM OF~~
16 ~~REMUNERATION OR MATERIAL BENEFIT TO ANY PERSON FOR BRINGING OR~~
17 ~~REFERRING A PATIENT, OR ACCEPTS OR AGREES TO ACCEPT ANY SUM OR ANY FORM~~
18 ~~OF REMUNERATION OR MATERIAL BENEFIT FROM A PERSON FOR BRINGING OR~~
19 ~~REFERRING A PATIENT;~~

20 ~~(14) KNOWINGLY MAKES A MISREPRESENTATION WHILE PRACTICING~~
21 ~~ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE;~~

22 ~~(15) KNOWINGLY PRACTICES ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE~~
23 ~~WITH AN UNAUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL OR AIDS AN UNAUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL IN~~
24 ~~THE PRACTICE OF ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE;~~

25 ~~(16) KNOWINGLY DELEGATES AN ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL~~
26 ~~HYGIENE DUTY TO AN UNLICENSED INDIVIDUAL;~~

27 ~~(17) IS DISCIPLINED BY A LICENSING OR DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY, IS~~
28 ~~CONVICTED OR DISCIPLINED BY A COURT OF ANY STATE OR COUNTRY, OR IS~~
29 ~~DISCIPLINED BY ANY BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES UNIFORMED SERVICES OR~~
30 ~~THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR AN ACT THAT WOULD BE~~
31 ~~GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION UNDER THE BOARD'S DISCIPLINARY~~
32 ~~STATUTES;~~

1 ~~(18) FAILS TO MEET APPROPRIATE STANDARDS FOR THE DELIVERY OF~~
2 ~~ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES;~~

3 ~~(19) KNOWINGLY SUBMITS FALSE STATEMENTS TO COLLECT FEES FOR~~
4 ~~WHICH SERVICES ARE NOT PROVIDED;~~

5 ~~(20) (i) HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO INVESTIGATION OR DISCIPLINARY~~
6 ~~ACTION BY A LICENSING OR DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY OR BY A COURT OF ANY~~
7 ~~STATE OR COUNTRY FOR AN ACT THAT WOULD BE GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY~~
8 ~~ACTION UNDER THE BOARD'S DISCIPLINARY STATUTES; AND~~

9 ~~(ii) HAS:~~

10 ~~1. SURRENDERED THE LICENSE, IF ANY, ISSUED BY THE~~
11 ~~STATE OR COUNTRY; OR~~

12 ~~2. ALLOWED THE LICENSE, IF ANY, ISSUED BY THE~~
13 ~~STATE OR COUNTRY TO EXPIRE OR LAPSE;~~

14 ~~(21) IS CONVICTED OF OR PLEADS GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE TO~~
15 ~~A FELONY OR TO A CRIME INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE, WHETHER ANY APPEAL~~
16 ~~OR OTHER PROCEEDING IS PENDING TO HAVE THE CONVICTION OR PLEA SET ASIDE;~~
17 ~~OR~~

18 ~~(22) FAILS TO COOPERATE WITH A LAWFUL INVESTIGATION OF THE~~
19 ~~BOARD.~~

20 ~~4-6A-18.~~

21 ~~(A) IF, AFTER A HEARING UNDER § 4-6A-19 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE BOARD~~
22 ~~FINDS THAT THERE ARE GROUNDS UNDER § 4-6A-17 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO~~
23 ~~REPRIMAND A LICENSEE, PLACE A LICENSEE ON PROBATION, OR SUSPEND OR~~
24 ~~REVOKE A LICENSE, THE BOARD MAY IMPOSE A FINE ON THE LICENSEE IN AN~~
25 ~~AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000:~~

26 ~~(1) INSTEAD OF REPRIMANDING THE LICENSEE, PLACING THE~~
27 ~~LICENSEE ON PROBATION, OR SUSPENDING OR REVOKING THE ADVANCED~~
28 ~~PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST'S LICENSE; OR~~

29 ~~(2) IN ADDITION TO REPRIMANDING THE LICENSEE, PLACING THE~~
30 ~~LICENSEE ON PROBATION, OR SUSPENDING OR REVOKING THE ADVANCED~~
31 ~~PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST'S LICENSE.~~

1 ~~(B) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO SET STANDARDS FOR THE~~
2 ~~IMPOSITION OF FINES UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

3 ~~(C) THE BOARD SHALL PAY ANY FINE COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION~~
4 ~~INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.~~

5 ~~4-6A-19.~~

6 ~~(A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE~~
7 ~~PROCEDURE ACT, BEFORE THE BOARD TAKES ANY ACTION UNDER § 4-6A-17 OF~~
8 ~~THIS SUBTITLE, THE BOARD SHALL GIVE THE INDIVIDUAL AGAINST WHOM THE~~
9 ~~ACTION IS CONTEMPLATED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD.~~

10 ~~(B) THE BOARD SHALL GIVE NOTICE AND HOLD THE HEARING IN~~
11 ~~ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT.~~

12 ~~(C) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET, THE BOARD MAY~~
13 ~~AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF FEES AND TRAVEL EXPENSES OF WITNESSES WHO TESTIFY~~
14 ~~IN A PROCEEDING UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

15 ~~(D) THE INDIVIDUAL MAY BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL AT THE HEARING.~~

16 ~~(E) THE BOARD MAY ADMINISTER OATHS AND TAKE DEPOSITIONS OF~~
17 ~~WITNESSES IN ANY PROCEEDING UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

18 ~~(F) (1) OVER THE SIGNATURE OF AN OFFICER OR THE EXECUTIVE~~
19 ~~DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD, THE BOARD MAY ISSUE SUBPOENAS AND ADMINISTER~~
20 ~~OATHS IN CONNECTION WITH ANY INVESTIGATION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AND ANY~~
21 ~~HEARINGS OR PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE BOARD.~~

22 ~~(2) THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE SUBPOENAS ON BEHALF OF THE~~
23 ~~INDIVIDUAL IF THE INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS IN WRITING THAT THE BOARD DO SO.~~

24 ~~(3) IF, WITHOUT LAWFUL EXCUSE, A PERSON DISOBEYS A SUBPOENA~~
25 ~~FROM THE BOARD OR AN ORDER BY THE BOARD TO TAKE AN OATH OR TO TESTIFY~~
26 ~~OR ANSWER A QUESTION, THEN, ON PETITION OF THE BOARD, A COURT OF~~
27 ~~COMPETENT JURISDICTION MAY PUNISH THE PERSON FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT.~~

28 ~~(G) IF, AFTER DUE NOTICE, THE INDIVIDUAL AGAINST WHOM THE ACTION IS~~
29 ~~CONTEMPLATED FAILS OR REFUSES TO APPEAR, NEVERTHELESS THE BOARD MAY~~
30 ~~HEAR AND DETERMINE THE MATTER.~~

1 ~~(H) IF, AFTER A HEARING, AN INDIVIDUAL IS FOUND IN VIOLATION OF §~~
2 ~~4-6A-17 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL PAY THE COSTS OF THE~~
3 ~~HEARING AS SPECIFIED IN A REGULATION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.~~

4 ~~4-6A-20.~~

5 ~~ANY INDIVIDUAL AGGRIEVED BY A FINAL DECISION OF THE BOARD UNDER §~~
6 ~~4-6A-17 OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT APPEAL TO THE SECRETARY BUT MAY TAKE A~~
7 ~~DIRECT JUDICIAL APPEAL AS PROVIDED IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT.~~

8 ~~4-6A-21.~~

9 ~~IF A LICENSE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED OR REVOKED UNDER § 4-6A-17 OF THIS~~
10 ~~SUBTITLE, THE BOARD MAY REINSTATE THE LICENSE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH:~~

11 ~~(1) THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ORDER OF SUSPENSION OR~~
12 ~~REVOCATION; OR~~

13 ~~(2) AN ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT ISSUED BY THE BOARD.~~

14 ~~4-6A-22.~~

15 ~~AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT PRACTICE, ATTEMPT TO PRACTICE, OR OFFER TO~~
16 ~~PRACTICE ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE IN THE STATE WHILE~~
17 ~~REPRESENTING ONESELF TO BE AN ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENIST~~
18 ~~UNLESS LICENSED BY THE BOARD.~~

19 ~~4-6A-23.~~

20 ~~AN INDIVIDUAL WHO VIOLATES § 4-6A-22 OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A~~
21 ~~MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000~~
22 ~~OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 2 YEARS.~~

23 ~~4-6A-24.~~

24 ~~THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE CITED AS THE MARYLAND ADVANCED PRACTICE~~
25 ~~DENTAL HYGIENISTS ACT.~~

26 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1, 2021,~~
27 ~~and annually thereafter for the immediately following 5 years, the State Board of Dental~~
28 ~~Examiners shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State~~
29 ~~Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee~~
30 ~~and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on the implementation of~~
31 ~~this Act, including:~~

1 ~~(1) the number of advanced practice dental hygienists licensed;~~

2 ~~(2) the number of delegation agreements submitted for approval, approved,~~
3 ~~modified, and disapproved; and~~

4 ~~(3) for the delegation agreements modified or disapproved, the reason for~~
5 ~~the modification or disapproval.~~

6 ~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General~~
7 ~~Assembly that the Governor provide funds in the fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021~~
8 ~~budgets at a level sufficient to allow the State Board of Dental Examiners to begin licensing~~
9 ~~advanced practice dental hygienists and that, when special funds become available for the~~
10 ~~regulation of advanced practice dental hygienists, the special funds be used to reimburse~~
11 ~~the General Fund of the State for the cost of beginning the licensing process.~~

12 SECTION ~~4~~ 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 ~~October~~ July 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June
14 30, 2020, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
15 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.