

**** Bill No. ****

Introduced By *****

By Request of the *****

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act creating a board of dental practitioners consisting of dental hygienists, denturists, and members of the public; transferring control of dental hygienists and denturists from the board of dentistry to the board of dental practitioners; and amending sections 2-15-1732 and 37-29-102, MCA."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Board of dental practitioners. (1)

There is a board of dental practitioners.

(2) The board consists of eight members appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate.

(3) The members are three dental hygienists and three denturists and two members of the public. One of the public members shall represent the interests of senior citizens.

Each member who is a dental hygienist or a denturist must be licensed to practice in this state, must have actively engaged in

Questions:

1) Given the disparity in licensee numbers, is it appropriate for a 2-2-3 board because dental hygienists have nearly 35 times the number of licensees as denturists?

2) Should there be a dentist liaison on this board to weigh in on technical issues?

practice for at least 5 continuous years before being appointed to the board, and must be actively engaged in practice while serving on the board. Board members must be residents of this state.

(4) Each member shall serve a 4-year term. The terms must be staggered. The governor may remove a member only for neglect or cause.

(5) The governor shall fill any vacancy within 30 days.

(6) The board is allocated to the department for administrative purposes only as prescribed in 2-15-121.

Section 2. Section 2-15-1732, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-15-1732. Board of dentistry. (1) There is a board of dentistry.

(2) The board consists of five dentists, ~~one denturist, two dental hygienists,~~ and two public members, one of whom must be a

Questions:

1) Does the name need changing to Board of Dentists?

2) Does one public member still need to be a senior citizen?

senior citizen. All members are appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate. Each licensed member must be licensed to practice as a dentist, ~~denturist, or dental hygienist~~ in this state, must have actively practiced in this state for at least 5 continuous years immediately before the member's appointment, and must be actively engaged in practice while serving on the board. Each member must be a resident of this state.

(3) Each member shall serve for a term of 5 years. The

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governor may remove a member only for neglect or cause.

(4) The governor shall fill any vacancy within 30 days.

(5) The board is allocated to the department for administrative purposes only as prescribed in 2-15-121."

{*Internal References to 2-15-1732:*
37-4-101 x 37-29-102a }

Section 3. Section 37-29-102, MCA, is amended to read:

"37-29-102. Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Board" means the state board of ~~dentistry~~ dental practitioners provided for in ~~2-15-1732~~ [section 1].

(2) "Denture" means any removable full or partial upper or lower prosthetic dental appliance to be worn in the mouth.

(3) "Denturist" means a person licensed under this chapter to engage in the practice of denturistry.

(4) "Department" means the department of labor and industry provided for in Title 2, chapter 15, part 17.

(5) "Immediate denture" means a denture constructed prior to and inserted immediately after extraction of teeth.

(6) "Practice of denturistry" means:

(a) the making, fitting, constructing, altering, reproducing, or repairing of a denture and furnishing or supplying of a denture

Question:

1) Does this scope of practice set up a conflict with the Board of Dentistry over the scope of practice for putting a denture over an implant? Is it necessary to resolve that?

directly to a person or advising the use of a denture; or

(b) the taking or making or the giving of advice, assistance, or facilities respecting the taking or making of any impression, bite, cast, or design preparatory to or for the purpose of making, constructing, fitting, furnishing, supplying, altering, repairing, or reproducing a denture."

{Internal References to 37-29-102: None.}

NEW SECTION. Section 4. {standard} Codification

instruction. (1) [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 2, chapter 15, part 17, and the provisions of Title 2, chapter 15, part 17, apply to [section 1].

(2) Title 37, chapter 4, part 4, is to be renumbered and codified as an integral part of Title 37, chapter 38.

<p>1) Need some sort of transition for denturistry and dental hygienist board members to transfer to this board.</p> <p>2) Dental auxiliaries referenced in 37-4-408 function under auspices of dentist's license, and need to remain under that part.</p>
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