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S. B. NO. 465

A Bill for an Act Relating to Dental Hygienist.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 447-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“Section 447-3 Employment of and practice by dental hygienist. Any licensed dentist, legally incorporated eleemosynary dental dispensary or infirmary, private school, or welfare center, the State or any county, may employ licensed dental hygienists. Clinical dental hygiene may be practiced by a licensed dental hygienist. The practice of clinical dental hygiene is defined as the removal of hard and soft deposits and stains from the portion of the crown and root surfaces to the depth of the gingival sulcus, polishing natural and restored surfaces of teeth, the application of preventive chemical agents to the coronal surfaces of teeth, which chemical agents have been approved by the board of dental examiners and may use such mouth washes as are approved by the board, but shall not perform any repair work or the preparation thereof, or any other operation on the teeth or tissues of the mouth; provided, that nothing herein shall prohibit a dental hygienist from using or applying topically any chemical agent which has been approved in writing by the department of health for any of the purposes set forth in part V of chapter 321, entitled ‘Dental Health’, and other procedures delegated by the dentist in accordance with the rules and regulations of the board of

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dental examiners. He may operate in the office of any licensed dentist, or legally incorporated eleemosynary dispensary or infirmary, private school, or welfare center, or in any building owned or occupied by the State or any county, but only under the aforesaid employment and under the direct or general supervision of a licensed dentist; provided, that in the private practice of dentistry, the hygienist shall be under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets or the bracketed material.*

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 17, 1971.)

* Edited accordingly.