

ACT 82

H.B. NO. 2538-74

A Bill for an Act Relating to Health and Accident Insurance.
Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this Act is to provide that any health or accident policy issued which provides for the payment or reimbursement to the policyholder for certain services provided by persons licensed to practice medicine shall also apply to dentists practicing within the lawful scope of their licenses.

SECTION 2. Chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“Sec. 431- Dentists; included in surgical procedure coverage. Notwithstanding any provision of any individual, group, or blanket policy of accident and sickness, medical or surgical expense insurance coverage or any provision of a policy, contract, plan, or agreement for medical service, issued on or after the effective date of this Act, whenever such policy, contract, plan or agreement provides for reimbursement or indemnity for any service related to surgical or emergency procedures which is within the lawful scope of practice of any practitioner licensed to practice medicine in this State, reimbursement or indemnification under such policy, contract, plan, or agreement shall not be denied when such services are performed by a dentist acting within the lawful scope of his license.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the underscoring.*

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 30, 1974.)

*Edited accordingly.