ACT 75

S.B. NO. 2382-82

A Bill for an Act Relating to Dentistry.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 448, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§448- Lead apron during X-ray; required. (a) A dentist shall cover a patient's torso from the neck to the pelvis including the genital area with a lead apron while conducting an X-ray procedure on the patient.

(b) The board of dental examiners, by rule adopted pursuant to chapter 91, shall establish minimum specifications for the lead apron; provided that the lead apron shall protect the patient's body from unnecessary exposure to X-rays yet not unduly discomfort the patient.

(c) Any violation of this section shall be considered an improper conduct in the practice of dentistry for the purpose of section 448-17."

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. (Approved May 14, 1982.)