March 21, 2007

S 1337. AMEND DENTAL HYGIENE ACT. Filed 3/21/07. TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES TO BE PERFORMED BY LICENSED HYGIENISTS WITH LIMITED SUPERVISION.

Amends GS 90-233 to allow a limited supervision hygienist to perform one or more limited supervision procedures without the supervision of a dentist if certain conditions are met. Amends GS 90-221 to define a limited supervision hygienist and limited supervision procedure.

Intro. by Purcell.

GS 90

May 2, 2007

S 1337. AMEND DENTAL HYGIENE ACT. Filed 3/21/07. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Modifies GS 90-233 to allow a dental hygienist meeting specified experience and training requirements to perform dental hygiene functions as defined in GS 90-221(a) without a licensed dentist being physically present if certain conditions are met regarding evaluation by the licensed dentist and the timing of the performance of the hygiene functions. Specifies that services are to be performed at certain facilities including nursing homes, rest homes and other facilities identified by the Office of Rural Health and approved by the NC State Board of Dental Examiners (BDE) as serving dental access shortage areas. Provides restrictions on practice by dental hygienists and supervision by licensed dentists who have been disciplined by BDE. Requires that a licensed dentist make an annual report to BDE regarding the number of patients that were treated by a dental hygienist outside of the direct supervision of the dentist. Requires that clinical hygiene services meet OSHA and CDC standards for infection control and patient treatment. Makes conforming changes to GS 90-221.

May 3, 2007

S 1337. AMEND DENTAL HYGIENE ACT. Filed 3/21/07. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Makes technical changes by adding commas to the proposed new language in GS 90-221(f).

June 6, 2007

S 1337. AMEND DENTAL HYGIENE ACT. Filed 3/21/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Amends the effective date to make the act effective October 1, 2007. Changes the order of the words and corrects formatting in proposed GS 90-233(a1)(4).

June 13, 2007

S 1337. AMEND DENTAL HYGIENE ACT. Filed 3/21/07. House amendment makes the following changes to 4th edition. Modifies proposed GS 90-233(a1)(4) to change the language back to the language in the third edition, correcting changes in the order of the words.

June 29, 2007

SL 2007-124 (S 1337). AMEND DENTAL HYGIENE ACT. AN ACT AMENDING THE NORTH CAROLINA DENTAL HYGIENE ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES TO BE PERFORMED BY LICENSED HYGIENISTS OUTSIDE THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A DENTIST. Summarized in Daily Bulletin 3/21/07, 5/2/07, 5/3/07, 6/6/07, and 6/13/07. Enacted June 27, 2007. Effective October 1, 2007.