

August 18, 2006

VIA EMAIL

Senator Marc Basnight
2007 Legislative Building
Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

Representative James B. Black
2304 Legislative Building
Raleigh, NC 27601-3451

Re: Request for Consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on
Governmental Operations Regarding Fee Change Proposed by the
North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners

Dear Senator Basnight and Representative Black:

As counsel and rulemaking coordinator for the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners, (Board), I am writing on behalf of the Board, to make a request for consultation, pursuant to G.S. §12-3.1, regarding a fee increase adopted by the Board. The rule citation is 21 NCAC 16M.0102. A copy of this rule is attached.

21 NCAC 16M.0102

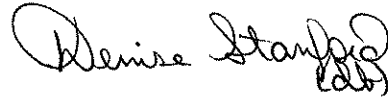
This rule change increases the fee for the clinical dental hygiene examination conducted by the Board from \$170.00 to \$275.00. The statutory authority for the fee is set out in G.S. 90-232. Applicants taking the North Carolina Board dental hygiene examination for licensure in North Carolina would pay an increase of \$105.00. This increase is necessary to cover the Board's increased costs in administering the examination, including costs for motel rooms, travel, and meals for graders and staff, payments to graders, clinical staff, and psychometricians, and costs for development and printing of examination manuals and post examination analysis.

We will be glad to provide any additional information regarding this fee increase, if necessary.

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Sincerely,

BAILEY & DIXON, L.L.P.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Denise Stanford".

M. Denise Stanford

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Attachment
cc: Bobby White
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21 NCAC 16M.0102 is proposed as follows:

21 NCAC 16M.0102 DENTAL HYGIENISTS

(a) The following fees shall be payable to the Board:

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| (1) | Application for examination
conducted by the Board | \$ 170.00 <u>\$275.00</u> |
| (2) | Renewal of dental hygiene license | \$ 81.00 |
| (3) | Reinstatement of license after retirement from
practice in this State | \$ 60.00 |
| (4) | Application for provisional licensure | \$ 60.00 |
| (5) | Certificate to a resident dental hygienist
desiring to change to another state or territory | \$ 25.00 |
| (6) | Application for license by credentials | \$ 750.00 |
| (7) | License application processing fee | \$ 75.00 |

(b) Each dental hygienist renewing a license to practice dental hygiene in North Carolina shall be assessed a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), in addition to the annual renewal fee, to be contributed to the operation of the North Carolina Caring Dental Professionals.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 90-232; 150B-19(5);
Eff. September 3, 1976;
Readopted Eff. September 26, 1977;
Amended Eff. May 1, 1989; March 1, 1988; May 1, 1987;
Temporary Amendment Eff. August 20, 1999;
Amended Eff. April 1, 2001;
Temporary Amendment Eff. January 1, 2003;
Amended Eff. June 1, 2006; March 1, 2004; January 1,
2004; April 1, 2003.*