

## Session 117 - (2007-2008)

### S 0571 General Bill, By Short

#### *Similar (H 3737)*

#### **Summary:** Dental Hygiene Practice Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 16 TO TITLE 40 SO AS TO ENACT THE "DENTAL HYGIENE PRACTICE ACT" PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF DENTAL HYGIENISTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION THROUGH THE DENTAL HYGIENE ADVISORY/DISCIPLINARY BOARD AND, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO CREATE THE DENTAL HYGIENE ADVISORY/DISCIPLINARY BOARD AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERS, POWERS, AND DUTIES; TO ESTABLISH THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS; TO ESTABLISH FEES AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AND COLLABORATIVE DENTAL HYGIENE PRACTICE; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR INVESTIGATING COMPLAINTS AND THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD TO CONDUCT HEARINGS; TO ESTABLISH ACTS THAT CONSTITUTE MISCONDUCT AND TO PROVIDE SANCTIONS AND PENALTIES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED FOR MISCONDUCT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 1-30-65 AND 40-1-40, BOTH RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL BOARDS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION, SO AS TO ADD THE DENTAL HYGIENE ADVISORY/DISCIPLINARY BOARD; TO AMEND SECTIONS 40-15-10, 40-15-20, AND 40-15-40, SECTIONS 40-15-85, 40-15-105, AND 40-15-110, ALL AS AMENDED, SECTIONS 40-15-120, 40-15-135, 40-15-140, 40-15-170, 40-15-177, 40-15-180, 40-15-190, 40-15-200, 40-15-212, 40-15-215, 40-15-300, AND 40-15-320, ALL RELATING TO LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF DENTAL HYGIENISTS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE STATE DENTAL BOARD, SO AS TO AMEND THESE PROVISIONS TO CONFORM WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 16, TITLE 40, AS ADDED BY THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT CURRENT LICENSES OF DENTAL HYGIENISTS CONTINUE IN EFFECT UNTIL THE LICENSE EXPIRES, AT WHICH TIME THE LICENSE MUST BE ISSUED BY THE DENTAL HYGIENE ADVISORY/DISCIPLINARY BOARD AS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS ACT; AND TO PROVIDE THAT REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY THAT PERTAIN TO DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENE PRACTICE, NOT COVERED IN THIS ACT, REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THE DENTAL HYGIENE ADVISORY/DISCIPLINARY BOARD PROMULGATES SUCH REGULATIONS; TO RENAME CHAPTER 15, TITLE 40 "DENTISTS AND DENTAL TECHNICIANS"; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 40-15-80, 40-15-82, AND 40-15-102, ALL RELATING TO THE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF DENTAL HYGIENISTS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE STATE DENTAL BOARD.

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