

## NO. 20.

## A SUPPLEMENT

To an act, approved the seventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred and seven (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred and sixty-one), entitled "An act regulating and defining the powers and duties of the Dental Council and the State Board of Dental Examiners; providing for appointment of examiners; defining qualifications of applicants for examination; condition of granting licenses; regulating and limiting the practice of dentistry; prohibiting practice by, or employment of, unlicensed persons and providing punishment therefor; and disposition of fees and fines, and fixing the appropriation to the Dental Council"; providing for the licensing of assistants to dentists.

Dental hygienists.

May be employed  
by dentists.

Permissible opera-  
tions by hygienists.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That a legally qualified and licensed practitioner of dentistry in the State of Pennsylvania may employ a legally qualified and licensed assistant or assistants, as hereinafter provided for, which assistants shall be known as dental hygienists. The dental hygienist may remove all tartar, deposits, accretions, and stains from the exposed surfaces of the teeth and directly beneath the free margins of the gums, but shall not perform any other operation on the teeth or mouth or on any diseased tissues of the mouth. The dental hygienist may operate in public or private institutions, such as schools, hospitals, orphan asylums, and sanitariums, under the general supervision of a licensed and qualified dentist, but not otherwise, or in the office of a duly qualified and licensed dentist only after he or she shall have been registered with the Board of Dental Examiners, as hereinafter provided.

Revocation of  
licenses.

Dentists.

Hygienists.

Qualifications of  
hygienists.

Education.

Section 2. The Dental Council may suspend or revoke, with power to reinstate, the license of any registered dentist who shall permit any dental hygienist, operating under his general supervision, to perform any operation other than that permitted by this act, and it may also suspend or revoke, with power of reinstatement, the license of any registered dental hygienist violating the provisions of this act.

Section 3. Any person, not less than nineteen years of age, of good moral character, who has satisfactorily completed a four year high school course or its equivalent, as approved by the Bureau of Professional Education of this Commonwealth, and upon presentation of a certificate or diploma from a chartered and reputable dental educational institution, or a chartered and reputable school for the training of dental hygienists, recognized as of good repute by the Dental Council of Pennsylvania, certifying that the holder thereof has successfully pursued, in such an institution, a course of instruction extending over a

period of one academic year consisting of not less than thirty-two weeks, in subjects approved by the Dental Council as essential to the proper education and training of a dental hygienist, upon payment of ten dollars (\$10), and upon the presentation of satisfactory certificates as to character and education, may be examined by the Board of Dental Examiners, under the conditions and regulations prescribed in section four of this act for the conduct of examinations and recording the results thereof of candidates for the license to practice dentistry in Pennsylvania, in subjects deemed essential by the Dental Council for the proper training of a dental hygienist. The results of the examination of persons provided for in this section shall be transmitted to the Dental Council, as provided in section four of this act, and, upon receiving from the Board of Dental Examiners a report of the examinations for license of any applicant who shall have been returned as having successfully passed said examinations, the Dental Council shall issue to such applicant a license to practice as a dental hygienist in the State of Pennsylvania.

Fee.

Examination

Report of examination.

License.

Section 4. Any person practicing as a dental hygienist in the State of Pennsylvania shall cause his or her license to be recorded in the office of the prothonotary of the court of common pleas of the county in which said dental hygienist shall practice, and any dental hygienist who shall neglect to cause his or her license to be so recorded shall be construed as practicing as a dental hygienist without license. Upon the presentation of a license to practice as a dental hygienist in this Commonwealth and an affidavit that the holder has served as a dental hygienist for a period of at least eight months in a public or private institution, as above specified, a dental hygienist is entitled to be registered with the Board of Dental Examiners, and shall then be known as a registered dental hygienist. Only registered dental hygienists may be lawfully employed by a dentist as assistants in private dental offices.

Recordation of licenses.

Registration with Board of Dental Examiners.

Employment in private offices.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of all registered dental hygienists who engage in such practice in this Commonwealth to be registered annually with the Board of Dental Examiners on or before the first day of January of each succeeding year. The form, method, and registration fee shall be similar in all respects to those provided by law for the annual registration of dentists.

Annual registration.

Section 6. The Dental Council, upon the recommendation of the Board of Dental Examiners, may issue a license, upon the payment of a fee of ten dollars, to any person who is of good moral character and who shall furnish proof that he or she has a license to practice as a dental hygienist granted by the lawfully

Hygienists from any other state or country.

constituted authority of any other State or country where the educational qualification required by law is equal to that provided by the laws of this Commonwealth; and any person so licensed shall be entitled to register with the Board of Dental Examiners, if and when he or she presents an affidavit of having served as a dental hygienist in a public or private institution for a period of at least eight months.

Service in  
institutions.

Section 7. It shall be unlawful for a licensed and registered dentist to employ a dental hygienist as an assistant in a private dental office until he or she has become registered with the Board of Dental Examiners, after having served at least eight months as a dental hygienist in a public or private institution, such as schools, hospitals, orphan asylums, and sanitariums.

Failure to  
obtain license.

Section 8. Any unlicensed person who shall perform any of the operations specified in this section as pertaining to the work of a dental hygienist shall be deemed to be practicing dentistry within the meaning of the act to which this is a supplement, and shall be subject to the penalties provided in section eight of said act for such unlicensed practice.

Powers of  
Commissioner  
of Health.

Section 9. Nothing in this act shall interfere with the power of the Commissioner of Health to employ or cause to be employed, in public health work, persons who have taken a practical course in keeping the teeth clean and the gums healthy and who have been adjudged prepared for this work by the chief of the division of dental health.

APPROVED—The 19th day of March, A. D. 1921.

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NO. 21.

AN ACT

Appropriating to the State Highway Department, for the purpose of assisting in the construction, maintenance, improvement, and repair of State highways and State-aid highways, all moneys derived from registrations and from license fees, for the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one and subsequent years, under the provisions of the act of Assembly, approved June thirtieth, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, relating to and regulating motor vehicles, and amendments thereto; and providing for salaries and other expenses of the department.

State Highway  
Department.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That all moneys derived from registrations and from license fees, under the provisions of the act of Assembly, approved June thirtieth, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, relating to and regulating motor vehicles, and amendments thereto, which have been or may hereafter be

Motor vehicle fees  
appropriated to.