

FOR the purpose of providing that licensed dentists and licensed dental hygienists may practice dentistry and dental hygiene, respectively, as employees of a certified Health Maintenance Organization; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 32 - Dentistry  
Section 1 and 31(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 1 and 31(b) of Article 32 - Dentistry, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 32 - Dentistry

1.

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the practice of dentistry in the State of Maryland, unless such person shall have obtained a license from the State Board of Dental Examiners of the State of Maryland as hereinafter provided, except that the license of any dentist, existing on June 1, 1959, shall continue in force unless suspended or revoked by the Board in the manner hereinafter provided.

All licenses issued by the Board shall be issued to individual persons, and it shall be unlawful for any dentist to practice in this State under any name except his own true name. No license shall be issued to any corporation, association, partnership, parlor, or any entity or association of any kind or character. It shall be unlawful for any individual or group of individuals to practice dentistry in this State as a corporation or under a corporate name; or under a partnership name; as an association or under an association name; as a parlor or under any parlor name, or an entity or under the name of any entity of any kind or character. HOWEVER, A PERSON LICENSED UNDER THESE PROVISIONS MAY PRACTICE DENTISTRY UNDER HIS OWN NAME AS AN EMPLOYEE OF A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION, WHICH PROVIDES DENTAL SERVICES TO MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION, PROVIDED THE ORGANIZATION IS CERTIFIED BY THE STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER UNDER ARTICLE 43, SECTION 843 OF THIS CODE.

31.

(b) Any person licensed to practice dental hygiene under the provisions of this subtitle may practice only