

**CHAPTER 221**

**(Senate Bill 225)**

AN ACT concerning

**Health Occupations - Dental Hygienists - Supervised Practice in a Private Dental Office**

FOR the purpose of authorizing a dental hygienist practicing with a general license to practice under the supervision of a licensed dentist who is not on the premises while the authorized dental hygiene services are being performed; ~~authorizes~~ authorizing a dental hygienist practicing under a general license to practice dental hygiene under the supervision of a licensed dentist in a private dental office; requiring a private dental office supervising a dental hygienist to ensure certain licensing requirements are met; authorizing a dental hygienist to perform dental hygiene services without the supervising dentist on the premises only if certain requirements are met; prohibiting a supervising dentist from employing more than two dental hygienists to work under the dentist's general supervision at any given time; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the supervised practice of dental hygienists in a private dental office.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Health Occupations  
Section 4-308  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Health Occupations**

4-308.

(a) A general license to practice dentistry issued under this title authorizes the licensee to practice dentistry while the license is effective.

(b) While it is effective, a limited license to practice dentistry issued under this title authorizes the licensee to practice dentistry, including as an intern or a resident:

- (1) Only for the institution named on the license; and
- (2) Only on patients of the institution named on the license.

(c) While it is effective, a retired volunteer dentist's license to practice dentistry issued under this title authorizes the licensee to practice dentistry:

- (1) Only in a dental office, dental clinic, ambulatory care facility, or hospital;