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Approved May 24, 1971.

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CHAPTER 640

(Senate Bill 131)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 16 of Article 32 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Dentistry," subtitle "In General," to regulate the use of and manner of using professional and specialty designations.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 16 of Article 32 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Dentistry" subtitle "In General," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

16.

Each person holding a license under this article may exhibit on the *outside* door or the *outside* wall of the building or on the premises wherein he shall practice dentistry, not more than two signs on which shall be placed the name and [title (Dr., D.D.S., D.M.D.) or degree of such person] *any of the following professional designations: "Dr., Dentist, D.D.S., or D.M.D."*, the letters of which shall not exceed three inches square. *The following designations shall be unlawful: "Doctor of Dental Surgery, or Doctor of Dental Medicine, or Dental Surgeon."* *The signs also may include a recognized A.D.A. specialty designation (as prescribed by the American Dental Association) of any dentist who qualifies in accordance with specialty qualification criteria established by the A.D.A.* Any person practicing dentistry in any building may exhibit such sign on the door of his office in addition to those on the *outside* door or *outside* wall of the building or ON THE premises of said property. No sign shall be erected with neon or flashing lights. Illumination of any sign shall be of an enclosed lamp design, nonflashing and containing no colored illumination. *A specialist, as defined by the American Dental Association, may insert in the classified section of a telephone directory a designation of his specialty by including, immediately adjacent to or below his name, the phrase "Practice limited to (name of specialty as prescribed by the American Dental Association)."* THE STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS SHALL BE THE DEPOSITORY AND ARBITRATOR OF THE ADA SPECIALTY QUALIFICATION CRITERIA.

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