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92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 332.093, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to dental assistants.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 332.093, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 332.093, to read as follows:

332.093. Any person "practices as a dental assistant" within the meaning of this chapter who provides patient services in cooperation with and under the direct supervision of a currently registered and licensed dentist or hygienist in Missouri. A currently registered and licensed dentist may delegate to a dental assistant, certified dental assistant or expanded functions dental assistant, under their direct supervision, such reversible acts that would be considered the practice of dentistry as defined in section 332.071 provided such delegation is done [pursuant to] under the terms and conditions of a rule adopted by the Missouri dental board [pursuant to] under section 332.031[; except that,]. No such rule may allow delegation of acts that conflict with the practice of dental hygiene as defined in section 332.091, [with the exception] except that the removal of hard and soft deposits may be delegated to a dental assistant, certified dental assistant, or expanded-functions dental assistant with at least three years of clinical experience that has satisfactorily completed an appropriate course of education containing

15 or expanded-functions dental assistant. The board shall have the authority to develop rules

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law. Matter in boldface type in the above law is proposed language.

a minimum of seventy-two combined didactic and clinical clock hours approved by the board and the polishing of teeth may be delegated to a dental assistant, certified dental assistant,

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16 regulating the use of dental assistants, certified dental assistants, or expanded-functions

17 dental assistants to remove hard and soft deposits.