

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 762

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BARNES (60).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 197, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to dental professionals practicing in hospitals.

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

Section A. Chapter 197, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 197.750, to read as follows:

3 **197.750. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, hospitals licensed under**
4 **chapter 197 shall be authorized to employ any or all of the following oral health care**
5 **providers:**

6 (1) **A dentist licensed under chapter 332 for the purpose of treating on hospital**
7 **premises those patients who present with a dental condition and such treatment is**
8 **necessary to ameliorate the condition for which they presented such as severe pain or tooth**
9 **abscesses;**

10 (2) **An oral and maxillofacial surgeon licensed under chapter 332 for the purpose**
11 **of treating oral conditions that need to be ameliorated as part of treating the underlying**
12 **cause of the patient's medical needs including, but not limited to, head and neck cancer,**
13 **HIV AIDS, severe trauma resulting in admission to the hospital, organ transplant,**
14 **diabetes, or seizure disorders. It shall be a condition of treatment that such patients are**
15 **admitted to the hospital on either an in- or out-patient basis;**

16 (3) **A maxillofacial prosthodontist licensed under chapter 332 for the purpose of**
17 **treating and supporting patients of a head and neck cancer team or other complex care or**
18 **surgical team for the fabrication of appliances following ablative surgery, surgery to**

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

17 **correct birth anomalies, extensive radiation treatment of the head or neck, or trauma-**
18 **related surgery.**

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