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HOUSE BILL NO. 2137

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE POLLITT.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 332.311, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to dental hygienists.

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

Section A. Section 332.311, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 332.311, to read as follows:

332.311. 1. Except as provided in ~~[subsection]~~ **subsections 2 and 3** of this section, a duly registered and currently licensed dental hygienist may only practice as a dental hygienist so long as the dental hygienist is employed by a dentist who is duly registered and currently licensed in Missouri, or as an employee of such other person or entity approved by the board in accordance with rules promulgated by the board. In accordance with this chapter and the rules promulgated by the board pursuant thereto, a dental hygienist shall only practice under the supervision of a dentist who is duly registered and currently licensed in Missouri, except as provided in ~~[subsection]~~ **subsections 2 and 3** of this section.

2. **A duly registered and currently licensed dental hygienist or a dental hygienist with a volunteer dental hygienist license may perform oral screenings, provide oral hygiene instructions, and place fluoride varnish in any setting without the supervision of a dentist.**

3. A duly registered and currently licensed dental hygienist who has been in practice at least three years and who is practicing in a public health setting may provide ~~[fluoride treatments,]~~ teeth cleaning and sealants, if appropriate, to children who are eligible for medical assistance, pursuant to chapter 208, without the supervision of a dentist. Medicaid shall reimburse any eligible provider who provides ~~[fluoride treatments,]~~ teeth cleaning~~[,]~~ and

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.

18 sealants to eligible children. Those public health settings in which a dental hygienist may
19 practice **as described in this subsection** without the supervision of a dentist shall be
20 established jointly by the department of health and senior services and by the Missouri dental
21 board by rule.

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