

1-1 By: Carona S.B. No. 1571  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 14, 2003; March 20, 2003, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services;  
1-4 April 22, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 22, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the regulation of dental laboratories and dental  
1-9 technicians.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 266.002, Occupations Code, is amended to  
1-12 read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 266.002. EXEMPTIONS. This chapter does not apply to:

1-14 (1) a student enrolled in a program of a school of  
1-15 dentistry; ~~or~~

1-16 (2) a licensed dentist engaged in the practice of  
1-17 dentistry in this state who performs a dental laboratory service  
1-18 for compensation or an employee of the dentist or of the  
1-19 professional corporation or partnership in which the dentist is an  
1-20 officer, partner, or employee if the service is performed:

1-21 (A) for a patient of the dentist or of the  
1-22 professional corporation or partnership in which the dentist is an  
1-23 officer, partner, or employee; and

1-24 (B) on the premises in which the dentist  
1-25 practices dentistry; or

1-26 (3) a manufacturer of materials or component parts,  
1-27 used in the fabrication of a dental prosthetic appliance and for  
1-28 sale or use by a dental laboratory, that are not directly fitted to  
1-29 a dental model or cast of the human teeth, gums, jaws, or alveolar  
1-30 process.

1-31 SECTION 2. Subsection (c), Section 266.102, Occupations  
1-32 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-33 (c) In prescribing the content of continuing education  
1-34 courses under Subsection (b)(4), the board shall require the course  
1-35 content to be at least as comprehensive as a course approved by a  
1-36 ~~[nationally]~~ recognized board of certification for dental  
1-37 technology.

1-38 SECTION 3. Subsection (a), Section 266.152, Occupations  
1-39 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-40 (a) A dental laboratory must have at least one dental  
1-41 technician working on the laboratory's premises who is certified by  
1-42 a ~~[nationally]~~ recognized board of certification for dental  
1-43 technology.

1-44 SECTION 4. Subsection (b), Section 266.153, Occupations  
1-45 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-46 (b) The application must include:

1-47 (1) evidence satisfactory to the board that the dental  
1-48 laboratory meets the requirements prescribed by Section  
1-49 266.152(a), if applicable; and

1-50 (2) ~~[the name and address of each dental technician~~  
1-51 ~~employed by the dental laboratory; and~~

1-52 ~~(3)]~~ any other information required by the board.

1-53 SECTION 5. Subsection (b), Section 266.201, Occupations  
1-54 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-55 (b) The prescription or work order must contain:

1-56 (1) the signature and Texas dental license number of  
1-57 the dentist;

1-58 (2) the date the prescription or work order is signed;

1-59 (3) the patient's name ~~[and address]~~; and

1-60 (4) a description of the dental laboratory service  
1-61 ordered.

1-62 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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