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H.B. No. 1569

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the authority of a dental hygienist to provide services
3 in certain facilities and schools.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Sections 262.1515(a) and (c), Occupations Code,
6 are amended to read as follows:

7 (a) A licensed dentist may delegate a service, task, or
8 procedure, pursuant to this section, to a dental hygienist, without
9 complying with Section 262.151(a)(2) if:

10 (1) the dental hygienist has at least two years'
11 experience in the practice of dental hygiene; and

12 (2) the service, task, or procedure is performed in
13 one of the following locations:

14 (A) a nursing facility as defined in Section
15 242.301, Health and Safety Code;

16 (B) a school-based health center established
17 under Subchapter B, Chapter 38, Education Code; ~~or~~

18 (C) a community health center as defined by
19 Section 136.002, Human Resources Code; or

20 (D) a public or private school or preschool,
21 including a facility in which a government-funded early child-care
22 and education program is provided.

23 (c) A dental hygienist may only perform delegated tasks or
24 procedures with respect to a patient for 12 ~~six~~ months unless the

1 patient has been examined by a dentist in compliance with Section
2 262.151(a)(2).

3 SECTION 2. Section 262.152, Occupations Code, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Sec. 262.152. PERFORMANCE OF DELEGATED DUTIES. Except as
6 provided by Section 262.1515, a dental hygienist shall practice
7 dental hygiene:

8 (1) in the dental office of a supervising dentist
9 licensed by the board; or

10 (2) in an alternate setting, including a nursing home,
11 the patient's home, a school, a preschool, a hospital, a state
12 institution, a public health clinic, or another institution, under
13 the supervision of a supervising dentist.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.