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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 25/4
225 ILCS 25/13.10

Amends the Illinois Dental Practice Act. Deletes the definition of "public health setting". Provides that, after completion of a training program, a public health dental hygienist may provide services according to the terms of a supervision agreement (rather than may operate in a public health setting that meets the requirements in the Act) with a dentist who is working in or has contracted with a local or State government agency or institution or who is providing services as part of a certified school-based program or school-based oral health program. Provides that care provided by a public health dental hygienist under a supervision agreement may take place in any setting outside of a private dental office.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Dental Practice Act is amended by
5 changing Sections 4 and 13.10 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 25/4)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

8 Sec. 4. Definitions. As used in this Act:

9 "Address of record" means the designated address recorded
10 by the Department in the applicant's or licensee's application
11 file or license file as maintained by the Department's
12 licensure maintenance unit. It is the duty of the applicant or
13 licensee to inform the Department of any change of address and
14 those changes must be made either through the Department's
15 website or by contacting the Department.

16 "Department" means the Department of Financial and
17 Professional Regulation.

18 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and
19 Professional Regulation.

20 "Board" means the Board of Dentistry.

21 "Dentist" means a person who has received a general
22 license pursuant to ~~subsection paragraph~~ (a) of Section 11 of
23 this Act and who may perform any intraoral and extraoral

1 procedure required in the practice of dentistry and to whom is
2 reserved the responsibilities specified in Section 17.

3 "Dental hygienist" means a person who holds a license
4 under this Act to perform dental services as authorized by
5 Section 18.

6 "Dental assistant" means an appropriately trained person
7 who, under the supervision of a dentist, provides dental
8 services as authorized by Section 17.

9 "Expanded function dental assistant" means a dental
10 assistant who has completed the training required by Section
11 17.1 of this Act.

12 "Dental laboratory" means a person, firm, or corporation
13 which:

14 (i) engages in making, providing, repairing, or
15 altering dental prosthetic appliances and other artificial
16 materials and devices which are returned to a dentist for
17 insertion into the human oral cavity or which come in
18 contact with its adjacent structures and tissues; and

19 (ii) utilizes or employs a dental technician to
20 provide such services; and

21 (iii) performs such functions only for a dentist or
22 dentists.

23 "Supervision" means supervision of a dental hygienist or a
24 dental assistant requiring that a dentist authorize the
25 procedure, remain in the dental facility while the procedure
26 is performed, and approve the work performed by the dental

1 hygienist or dental assistant before dismissal of the patient,
2 but does not mean that the dentist must be present at all times
3 in the treatment room.

4 "General supervision" means supervision of a dental
5 hygienist requiring that the patient be a patient of record,
6 that the dentist examine the patient in accordance with
7 Section 18 prior to treatment by the dental hygienist, and
8 that the dentist authorize the procedures which are being
9 carried out by a notation in the patient's record, but not
10 requiring that a dentist be present when the authorized
11 procedures are being performed. The issuance of a prescription
12 to a dental laboratory by a dentist does not constitute
13 general supervision.

14 "Public member" means a person who is not a health
15 professional. For purposes of board membership, any person
16 with a significant financial interest in a health service or
17 profession is not a public member.

18 "Dentistry" means the healing art which is concerned with
19 the examination, diagnosis, treatment planning, and care of
20 conditions within the human oral cavity and its adjacent
21 tissues and structures, as further specified in Section 17.

22 "Branches of dentistry" means the various specialties of
23 dentistry which, for purposes of this Act, shall be limited to
24 the following: endodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery,
25 orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, pediatric dentistry,
26 periodontics, prosthodontics, oral and maxillofacial

1 radiology, and dental anesthesiology.

2 "Specialist" means a dentist who has received a specialty
3 license pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 11 ~~11(b)~~.

4 "Dental technician" means a person who owns, operates, or
5 is employed by a dental laboratory and engages in making,
6 providing, repairing, or altering dental prosthetic appliances
7 and other artificial materials and devices which are returned
8 to a dentist for insertion into the human oral cavity or which
9 come in contact with its adjacent structures and tissues.

10 "Informed consent" means legally valid consent that is
11 given by a patient or legal guardian, that is recorded in
12 writing or digitally, that authorizes intervention or
13 treatment services from the treating dentist, and that
14 documents agreement to participate in those services and
15 knowledge of the risks, benefits, and alternatives, including
16 the decision to withdraw from or decline treatment.

17 "Impaired dentist" or "impaired dental hygienist" means a
18 dentist or dental hygienist who is unable to practice with
19 reasonable skill and safety because of a physical or mental
20 disability as evidenced by a written determination or written
21 consent based on clinical evidence, including deterioration
22 through the aging process, loss of motor skills, abuse of
23 drugs or alcohol, or a psychiatric disorder, of sufficient
24 degree to diminish the person's ability to deliver competent
25 patient care.

26 "Nurse" means a registered professional nurse, a certified

1 registered nurse anesthetist licensed as an advanced practice
2 registered nurse, or a licensed practical nurse licensed under
3 the Nurse Practice Act.

4 "Patient of record", except as provided in Section 17.2,
5 means a patient for whom the patient's most recent dentist has
6 obtained a relevant medical and dental history and on whom the
7 dentist has performed a physical examination within the last
8 year and evaluated the condition to be treated, including a
9 review of the patient's most recent x-rays.

10 "Dental responder" means a dentist or dental hygienist who
11 is appropriately certified in disaster preparedness,
12 immunizations, and dental humanitarian medical response
13 consistent with the Society of Disaster Medicine and Public
14 Health and training certified by the National Incident
15 Management System or the National Disaster Life Support
16 Foundation.

17 "Mobile dental van or portable dental unit" means any
18 self-contained or portable dental unit in which dentistry is
19 practiced that can be moved, towed, or transported from one
20 location to another in order to establish a location where
21 dental services can be provided.

22 "Public health dental hygienist" means a hygienist who
23 holds a valid license to practice in the State, has 2 years of
24 full-time clinical experience or an equivalent of 4,000 hours
25 of clinical experience, and has completed at least 42 clock
26 hours of additional structured courses in dental education in

1 advanced areas specific to public health dentistry.

2 ~~"Public health setting" means a federally qualified health~~
3 ~~center; a federal, State, or local public health facility;~~
4 ~~Head Start; a special supplemental nutrition program for~~
5 ~~Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) facility; a certified~~
6 ~~school based health center or school based oral health~~
7 ~~program; a prison; or a long term care facility.~~

8 "Public health supervision" means the supervision of a
9 public health dental hygienist by a licensed dentist who has a
10 written public health supervision agreement with that public
11 health dental hygienist while working in an approved facility
12 or program that allows the public health dental hygienist to
13 treat patients, without a dentist first examining the patient
14 and being present in the facility during treatment, (1) who
15 are eligible for Medicaid or (2) who are uninsured or whose
16 household income is not greater than 300% of the federal
17 poverty level.

18 "Teledentistry" means the use of telehealth systems and
19 methodologies in dentistry and includes patient diagnosis,
20 treatment planning, care, and education delivery for a patient
21 of record using synchronous and asynchronous communications
22 under an Illinois licensed dentist's authority as provided
23 under this Act.

24 "Moderate sedation" means a drug-induced depression of
25 consciousness during which: (1) patients respond purposefully
26 to verbal commands, either alone or accompanied by light

1 tactile stimulation; (2) no interventions are required to
2 maintain a patient's airway and spontaneous ventilation is
3 adequate; and (3) cardiovascular function is usually
4 maintained.

5 "Deep sedation" means a drug-induced depression of
6 consciousness during which: (1) patients cannot be easily
7 aroused, but respond purposefully following repeated or
8 painful stimulation; (2) the ability to independently maintain
9 ventilatory function may be impaired; (3) patients may require
10 assistance in maintaining airways and spontaneous ventilation
11 may be inadequate; and (4) cardiovascular function is usually
12 maintained.

13 "General anesthesia" means a drug-induced loss of
14 consciousness during which: (1) patients are not arousable,
15 even by painful stimulation; (2) the ability to independently
16 maintain ventilatory function is often impaired; (3) patients
17 often require assistance in maintaining airways and positive
18 pressure ventilation may be required because of depressed
19 spontaneous ventilation or drug-induced depression of
20 neuromuscular function; and (4) cardiovascular function may be
21 impaired.

22 "Venipuncture" means the puncture of a vein as part of a
23 medical procedure, typically to withdraw a blood sample or for
24 an intravenous catheter for the administration of medication
25 or fluids.

26 "Enteral route of administration" means administration of

1 a drug that is absorbed through the gastrointestinal tract or
2 through oral, rectal, or sublingual mucosa.

3 "Parenteral route of administration" means administration
4 of a drug by which the drug bypasses the gastrointestinal
5 tract through intramuscular, intravenous, intranasal,
6 submucosal, subcutaneous, or intraosseous methods.

7 (Source: P.A. 102-93, eff. 1-1-22; 102-588, eff. 8-20-21;
8 102-936, eff. 1-1-23; 103-425, eff. 1-1-24; 103-431, eff.
9 1-1-24; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24; 103-628, eff. 7-1-24; 103-902,
10 eff. 8-9-24; revised 10-10-24.)

11 (225 ILCS 25/13.10)

12 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

13 Sec. 13.10. Public health dental hygienist supervision
14 agreement. After completion of the requirements of Section
15 13.5, a public health dental hygienist may provide services
16 according to the terms of the supervision agreement with
17 ~~operate in a public health setting that meets the requirements~~
18 ~~of Section 18.1 with~~ a dentist who is working in or has
19 contracted with a local or State government agency or
20 institution or who is providing services as part of a
21 certified school-based program or school-based oral health
22 program. Care provided by a public health dental hygienist
23 under a supervision agreement may take place in any setting
24 outside of a private dental office.

25 (Source: P.A. 101-64, eff. 7-12-19.)