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SB3168

Introduced 1/12/2022, by Sen. Rachelle Crowe

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 25/4	from Ch. 111, par. 2304
225 ILCS 25/17	from Ch. 111, par. 2317
225 ILCS 25/17.1	

Amends the Illinois Dental Practice Act. Provides that a person who uses teledentistry is considered to practice dentistry under the Act. Provides that a dentist may utilize and delegate dental services to a dental hygienist or dental assistant using telehealth only under the supervision requirements as specified in the Act for in-person patient care. Provides that a dental assistant who has at least 2,000 hours of direct clinical patient care experience continuing education provider approved by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may perform specified procedures. Provides that a dental assistant who has completed specified training may perform coronal scaling and intracoronal temporization of a tooth under the supervision of a dentist. Changes the definition "public health setting" to include a prison. Changes the definition of "teledentistry" to include limited patient diagnosis and treatment planning (rather than patient care) using synchronous and asynchronous communications under an Illinois licensed dentist's authority (rather than a dentist's authority).

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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, 17, and 17.1 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 25/4) (from Ch. 111, par. 2304)

7 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 102-93)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

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

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

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

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

21 "Board" means the Board of Dentistry.

22 "Dentist" means a person who has received a general
23 license pursuant to paragraph (a) of Section 11 of this Act and

1 who may perform any intraoral and extraoral procedure required
2 in the practice of dentistry and to whom is reserved the
3 responsibilities specified in Section 17.

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

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

10 "Expanded function dental assistant" means a dental
11 assistant who has completed the training required by Section
12 17.1 of this Act.

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

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

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

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

24 "Supervision" means supervision of a dental hygienist or a
25 dental assistant requiring that a dentist authorize the
26 procedure, remain in the dental facility while the procedure

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

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

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

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

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

1 periodontics, prosthodontics, and oral and maxillofacial
2 radiology.

3 "Specialist" means a dentist who has received a specialty
4 license pursuant to Section 11(b).

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

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

20 "Nurse" means a registered professional nurse, a certified
21 registered nurse anesthetist licensed as an advanced practice
22 registered nurse, or a licensed practical nurse licensed under
23 the Nurse Practice Act.

24 "Patient of record" means a patient for whom the patient's
25 most recent dentist has obtained a relevant medical and dental
26 history and on whom the dentist has performed an examination

1 and evaluated the condition to be treated.

2 "Dental responder" means a dentist or dental hygienist who
3 is appropriately certified in disaster preparedness,
4 immunizations, and dental humanitarian medical response
5 consistent with the Society of Disaster Medicine and Public
6 Health and training certified by the National Incident
7 Management System or the National Disaster Life Support
8 Foundation.

9 "Mobile dental van or portable dental unit" means any
10 self-contained or portable dental unit in which dentistry is
11 practiced that can be moved, towed, or transported from one
12 location to another in order to establish a location where
13 dental services can be provided.

14 "Public health dental hygienist" means a hygienist who
15 holds a valid license to practice in the State, has 2 years of
16 full-time clinical experience or an equivalent of 4,000 hours
17 of clinical experience and has completed at least 42 clock
18 hours of additional structured courses in dental education in
19 advanced areas specific to public health dentistry.

20 "Public health setting" means a federally qualified health
21 center; a federal, State, or local public health facility;
22 Head Start; a special supplemental nutrition program for
23 Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) facility; ~~or~~ a certified
24 school-based health center or school-based oral health
25 program; or a prison.

26 "Public health supervision" means the supervision of a

1 public health dental hygienist by a licensed dentist who has a
2 written public health supervision agreement with that public
3 health dental hygienist while working in an approved facility
4 or program that allows the public health dental hygienist to
5 treat patients, without a dentist first examining the patient
6 and being present in the facility during treatment, (1) who
7 are eligible for Medicaid or (2) who are uninsured and whose
8 household income is not greater than 200% of the federal
9 poverty level.

10 "Teledentistry" means the use of telehealth systems and
11 methodologies in dentistry and includes limited patient
12 diagnosis, treatment planning, ~~care~~ and education delivery
13 using synchronous and asynchronous communications under an
14 Illinois licensed a dentist's authority as provided under this
15 Act.

16 (Source: P.A. 101-64, eff. 7-12-19; 101-162, eff. 7-26-19;
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26 102-93, eff. 1-1-22; 102-588, eff. 8-20-21.)

1 (225 ILCS 25/17) (from Ch. 111, par. 2317)

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

3 Sec. 17. Acts constituting the practice of dentistry. A
4 person practices dentistry, within the meaning of this Act:

5 (1) Who represents himself or herself as being able to
6 diagnose or diagnoses, treats, prescribes, or operates for
7 any disease, pain, deformity, deficiency, injury, or
8 physical condition of the human tooth, teeth, alveolar
9 process, gums or jaw; or

10 (2) Who is a manager, proprietor, operator or
11 conductor of a business where dental operations are
12 performed; or

13 (3) Who performs dental operations of any kind; or

14 (4) Who uses an X-Ray machine or X-Ray films for
15 dental diagnostic purposes; or

16 (5) Who extracts a human tooth or teeth, or corrects
17 or attempts to correct malpositions of the human teeth or
18 jaws; or

19 (6) Who offers or undertakes, by any means or method,
20 to diagnose, treat or remove stains, calculus, and bonding
21 materials from human teeth or jaws; or

22 (7) Who uses or administers local or general
23 anesthetics in the treatment of dental or oral diseases or
24 in any preparation incident to a dental operation of any
25 kind or character; or

1 (8) Who takes material or digital scans for final
2 impressions of the human tooth, teeth, or jaws or performs
3 any phase of any operation incident to the replacement of
4 a part of a tooth, a tooth, teeth or associated tissues by
5 means of a filling, crown, a bridge, a denture or other
6 appliance; or

7 (9) Who offers to furnish, supply, construct,
8 reproduce or repair, or who furnishes, supplies,
9 constructs, reproduces or repairs, prosthetic dentures,
10 bridges or other substitutes for natural teeth, to the
11 user or prospective user thereof; or

12 (10) Who instructs students on clinical matters or
13 performs any clinical operation included in the curricula
14 of recognized dental schools and colleges; or

15 (11) Who takes material or digital scans for final
16 impressions of human teeth or places his or her hands in
17 the mouth of any person for the purpose of applying teeth
18 whitening materials, or who takes impressions of human
19 teeth or places his or her hands in the mouth of any person
20 for the purpose of assisting in the application of teeth
21 whitening materials. A person does not practice dentistry
22 when he or she discloses to the consumer that he or she is
23 not licensed as a dentist under this Act and (i) discusses
24 the use of teeth whitening materials with a consumer
25 purchasing these materials; (ii) provides instruction on
26 the use of teeth whitening materials with a consumer

1 purchasing these materials; or (iii) provides appropriate
2 equipment on-site to the consumer for the consumer to
3 self-apply teeth whitening materials; ~~or.~~

4 (12) Who uses teledentistry. A dentist may utilize and
5 delegate dental services to a dental hygienist or dental
6 assistant using telehealth only under the supervision
7 requirements as specified in this Act for in-person
8 patient care.

9 The fact that any person engages in or performs, or offers
10 to engage in or perform, any of the practices, acts, or
11 operations set forth in this Section, shall be prima facie
12 evidence that such person is engaged in the practice of
13 dentistry.

14 The following practices, acts, and operations, however,
15 are exempt from the operation of this Act:

16 (a) The rendering of dental relief in emergency cases
17 in the practice of his or her profession by a physician or
18 surgeon, licensed as such under the laws of this State,
19 unless he or she undertakes to reproduce or reproduces
20 lost parts of the human teeth in the mouth or to restore or
21 replace lost or missing teeth in the mouth; or

22 (b) The practice of dentistry in the discharge of
23 their official duties by dentists in any branch of the
24 Armed Services of the United States, the United States
25 Public Health Service, or the United States Veterans
26 Administration; or

1 (c) The practice of dentistry by students in their
2 course of study in dental schools or colleges approved by
3 the Department, when acting under the direction and
4 supervision of dentists acting as instructors; or

5 (d) The practice of dentistry by clinical instructors
6 in the course of their teaching duties in dental schools
7 or colleges approved by the Department:

8 (i) when acting under the direction and
9 supervision of dentists, provided that such clinical
10 instructors have instructed continuously in this State
11 since January 1, 1986; or

12 (ii) when holding the rank of full professor at
13 such approved dental school or college and possessing
14 a current valid license or authorization to practice
15 dentistry in another country; or

16 (e) The practice of dentistry by licensed dentists of
17 other states or countries at meetings of the Illinois
18 State Dental Society or component parts thereof, alumni
19 meetings of dental colleges, or any other like dental
20 organizations, while appearing as clinicians; or

21 (f) The use of X-Ray machines for exposing X-Ray films
22 of dental or oral tissues by dental hygienists or dental
23 assistants; or

24 (g) The performance of any dental service by a dental
25 assistant, if such service is performed under the
26 supervision and full responsibility of a dentist. In

1 addition, after being authorized by a dentist, a dental
2 assistant may, for the purpose of eliminating pain or
3 discomfort, remove loose, broken, or irritating
4 orthodontic appliances on a patient of record.

5 For purposes of this paragraph (g), "dental service"
6 is defined to mean any intraoral procedure or act which
7 shall be prescribed by rule or regulation of the
8 Department. Dental service, however, shall not include:

9 (1) Any and all diagnosis of or prescription for
10 treatment of disease, pain, deformity, deficiency,
11 injury or physical condition of the human teeth or
12 jaws, or adjacent structures.

13 (2) Removal of, or restoration of, or addition to
14 the hard or soft tissues of the oral cavity, except for
15 the placing, carving, and finishing of amalgam
16 restorations and placing, packing, and finishing
17 composite restorations by dental assistants who have
18 had additional formal education and certification.

19 A dental assistant may place, carve, and finish
20 amalgam restorations, place, pack, and finish
21 composite restorations, and place interim restorations
22 if he or she (A) has successfully completed a
23 structured training program as described in item (2)
24 of subsection (g) provided by an educational
25 institution accredited by the Commission on Dental
26 Accreditation, such as a dental school or dental

1 hygiene or dental assistant program, or (B) has at
2 least 4,000 hours of direct clinical patient care
3 experience and has successfully completed a structured
4 training program as described in item (2) of
5 subsection (g) provided by a statewide dental
6 association, approved by the Department to provide
7 continuing education, that has developed and conducted
8 training programs for expanded functions for dental
9 assistants or hygienists. The training program must:
10 (i) include a minimum of 16 hours of didactic study and
11 14 hours of clinical manikin instruction; all training
12 programs shall include areas of study in nomenclature,
13 caries classifications, oral anatomy, periodontium,
14 basic occlusion, instrumentations, pulp protection
15 liners and bases, dental materials, matrix and wedge
16 techniques, amalgam placement and carving, rubber dam
17 clamp placement, and rubber dam placement and removal;
18 (ii) include an outcome assessment examination that
19 demonstrates competency; (iii) require the supervising
20 dentist to observe and approve the completion of 8
21 amalgam or composite restorations; and (iv) issue a
22 certificate of completion of the training program,
23 which must be kept on file at the dental office and be
24 made available to the Department upon request. A
25 dental assistant must have successfully completed an
26 approved coronal polishing and dental sealant course

1 prior to taking the amalgam and composite restoration
2 course.

3 A dentist utilizing dental assistants shall not
4 supervise more than 4 dental assistants at any one
5 time for placing, carving, and finishing of amalgam
6 restorations or for placing, packing, and finishing
7 composite restorations.

8 (3) Any and all correction of malformation of
9 teeth or of the jaws.

10 (4) Administration of anesthetics, except for
11 monitoring of nitrous oxide, conscious sedation, deep
12 sedation, and general anesthetic as provided in
13 Section 8.1 of this Act, that may be performed only
14 after successful completion of a training program
15 approved by the Department. A dentist utilizing dental
16 assistants shall not supervise more than 4 dental
17 assistants at any one time for the monitoring of
18 nitrous oxide.

19 (5) Removal of calculus from human teeth.

20 (6) Taking of material or digital scans for final
21 impressions for the fabrication of prosthetic
22 appliances, crowns, bridges, inlays, onlays, or other
23 restorative or replacement dentistry.

24 (7) The operative procedure of dental hygiene
25 consisting of oral prophylactic procedures, except for
26 coronal polishing and pit and fissure sealants, which

1 may be performed by a dental assistant who has
2 successfully completed a training program approved by
3 the Department. Dental assistants may perform coronal
4 polishing under the following circumstances: (i) the
5 coronal polishing shall be limited to polishing the
6 clinical crown of the tooth and existing restorations,
7 supragingivally; (ii) the dental assistant performing
8 the coronal polishing shall be limited to the use of
9 rotary instruments using a rubber cup or brush
10 polishing method (air polishing is not permitted); and
11 (iii) the supervising dentist shall not supervise more
12 than 4 dental assistants at any one time for the task
13 of coronal polishing or pit and fissure sealants.

14 In addition to coronal polishing and pit and
15 fissure sealants as described in this item (7), a
16 dental assistant who has at least 2,000 hours of
17 direct clinical patient care experience and who has
18 successfully completed a structured training program
19 provided by (1) an educational institution including,
20 but not limited to, such as a dental school or dental
21 hygiene or dental assistant program, (2) a continuing
22 education provider approved by the Department, or (3)
23 ~~or (2) by~~ a statewide dental or dental hygienist
24 association, approved by the Department on or before
25 January 1, 2017 (the effective date of Public Act
26 99-680), that has developed and conducted a training

1 program for expanded functions for dental assistants
2 or hygienists may perform: (A) coronal scaling above
3 the gum line, supragingivally, on the clinical crown
4 of the tooth only on patients 19 ~~12~~ years of age or
5 younger who have an absence of periodontal disease and
6 who are not medically compromised or individuals with
7 special needs and (B) intracoronal temporization of a
8 tooth. The training program must: (I) include a
9 minimum of 16 hours of instruction in both didactic
10 and clinical manikin or human subject instruction; all
11 training programs shall include areas of study in
12 dental anatomy, public health dentistry, medical
13 history, dental emergencies, and managing the
14 pediatric patient; (II) include an outcome assessment
15 examination that demonstrates competency; (III)
16 require the supervising dentist to observe and approve
17 the completion of 6 full mouth supragingival scaling
18 procedures unless the training was received as part of
19 a Commission on Dental Accreditation approved dental
20 assistant program; and (IV) issue a certificate of
21 completion of the training program, which must be kept
22 on file at the dental office and be made available to
23 the Department upon request. A dental assistant must
24 have successfully completed an approved coronal
25 polishing course prior to taking the coronal scaling
26 course. A dental assistant performing these functions

1 shall be limited to the use of hand instruments only.
2 ~~In addition, coronal scaling as described in this~~
3 ~~paragraph shall only be utilized on patients who are~~
4 ~~eligible for Medicaid or who are uninsured and whose~~
5 ~~household income is not greater than 200% of the~~
6 ~~federal poverty level.~~ A dentist may not supervise
7 more than 2 dental assistants at any one time for the
8 task of coronal scaling. This paragraph is inoperative
9 on and after January 1, 2026.

10 The limitations on the number of dental assistants a
11 dentist may supervise contained in items (2), (4), and (7)
12 of this paragraph (g) mean a limit of 4 total dental
13 assistants or dental hygienists doing expanded functions
14 covered by these Sections being supervised by one dentist;
15 or

16 (h) The practice of dentistry by an individual who:

17 (i) has applied in writing to the Department, in
18 form and substance satisfactory to the Department, for
19 a general dental license and has complied with all
20 provisions of Section 9 of this Act, except for the
21 passage of the examination specified in subsection (e)
22 of Section 9 of this Act; or

23 (ii) has applied in writing to the Department, in
24 form and substance satisfactory to the Department, for
25 a temporary dental license and has complied with all
26 provisions of subsection (c) of Section 11 of this

1 Act; and

2 (iii) has been accepted or appointed for specialty
3 or residency training by a hospital situated in this
4 State; or

5 (iv) has been accepted or appointed for specialty
6 training in an approved dental program situated in
7 this State; or

8 (v) has been accepted or appointed for specialty
9 training in a dental public health agency situated in
10 this State.

11 The applicant shall be permitted to practice dentistry
12 for a period of 3 months from the starting date of the
13 program, unless authorized in writing by the Department to
14 continue such practice for a period specified in writing
15 by the Department.

16 The applicant shall only be entitled to perform such
17 acts as may be prescribed by and incidental to his or her
18 program of residency or specialty training and shall not
19 otherwise engage in the practice of dentistry in this
20 State.

21 The authority to practice shall terminate immediately
22 upon:

23 (1) the decision of the Department that the
24 applicant has failed the examination; or

25 (2) denial of licensure by the Department; or

26 (3) withdrawal of the application.

1 (Source: P.A. 101-162, eff. 7-26-19; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.)

2 (225 ILCS 25/17.1)

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

4 Sec. 17.1. Expanded function dental assistants.

5 (a) A dental assistant who has completed training as
6 provided in subsection (b) of this Section in all of the
7 following areas may hold himself or herself out as an expanded
8 function dental assistant:

9 (1) Taking material or digital scans for final
10 impressions after completing a training program that
11 includes either didactic objectives or clinical skills and
12 functions that demonstrate competency.

13 (2) Performing pulp vitality test after completing a
14 training program that includes either didactic objectives
15 or clinical skills and functions that demonstrate
16 competency.

17 (3) (Blank). ~~Placing, carving, and finishing of~~
18 ~~amalgam restorations and placing, packing, and finishing~~
19 ~~composite restorations as allowed under Section 17.~~

20 (4) Starting the flow of oxygen and monitoring of
21 nitrous oxide-oxygen analgesia as allowed under Section
22 17.

23 (5) Coronal polishing and pit and fissure sealants as
24 allowed under Section 17.

25 (6) Coronal scaling as allowed under Section 17.

1 (7) Intracoronaral temporization of a tooth.

2 All procedures listed in paragraphs (1) through (7) ~~(5)~~
3 for dental assistants must be performed under the supervision
4 of a dentist, requiring the dentist authorizes the procedure,
5 remains in the dental facility while the procedure is
6 performed, and approves the work performed by the dental
7 assistant before dismissal of the patient, but the dentist is
8 not required to be present at all times in the treatment room.

9 After the completion of training as provided in subsection
10 (b) of this Section, an expanded function dental assistant may
11 perform any of the services listed in this subsection (a)
12 pursuant to the limitations of this Act.

13 (b) Certification and training as an expanded function
14 dental assistant must be obtained from one of the following
15 sources: (i) an approved continuing education sponsor; (ii) a
16 dental assistant training program approved by the Commission
17 on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; or
18 (iii) a training program approved by the Department.

19 Training required under this subsection (b) must also
20 include Basic Life Support certification, as described in
21 Section 16 of this Act. Proof of current certification shall
22 be kept on file with the supervising dentist.

23 (c) Any procedures listed in subsection (a) that are
24 performed by an expanded function dental assistant must be
25 approved by the supervising dentist and examined prior to
26 dismissal of the patient. The supervising dentist shall be

1 responsible for all dental services or procedures performed by
2 the dental assistant.

3 (d) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to alter
4 the number of dental assistants that a dentist may supervise
5 under paragraph (g) of Section 17 of this Act.

6 (e) Nothing in this Act shall: (1) require a dental
7 assistant to be certified as an expanded function dental
8 assistant or (2) prevent a dentist from training dental
9 assistants in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 or
10 17.1 of this Act or rules pertaining to dental assistant
11 duties.

12 (Source: P.A. 100-215, eff. 1-1-18; 100-976, eff. 1-1-19;
13 101-162, eff. 7-26-19.)

14 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
15 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
16 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
17 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does
18 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
19 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
20 Public Act.