

An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 2001, Sections 328, 328.3, 328.15, 328.29, 328.33 and 328.34, which relate to the State Dental Act; adding and modifying definitions; updating and clarifying language; providing for certification of licensed dental hygienist as geriatric public health hygienist; modifying procedures and requirements for employment of dental hygienists; requiring certain supervision; providing for promulgation of rules; requiring certain examinations; limiting number of dental hygienists; modifying certain procedures; requiring the Board of Dentistry establish required curriculum of study for certification as a geriatric public health hygienist; requiring that courses for certification be offered in various instructional modes; enacting the Oklahoma Dental Manpower Authority Act; stating legislative findings; stating purpose; creating the Oklahoma Dental Manpower Authority; providing for administration of the Oklahoma Dent-Care Loan Assistance Repayment Program; requiring report; providing for power and duties of Oklahoma Dental Manpower Authority; specifying applicability of act; authorizing the Oklahoma Dental Manpower Authority to enter into contracts; creating the Oklahoma Dental Manpower Revolving Fund; creating penalties; providing for classification of staff positions of the Authority; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.