

An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 2001, Sections 328.3, 328.29, 328.33 and 328.34, which relate to the State Dental Act; modifying and adding new definitions; clarifying and updating references; modifying unlawful acts; making language gender neutral; modifying violations for which Board of Dentistry may take action; establishing conditions for practice of dental hygiene; modifying number of hygienists which may be employed and entities which may employ; deleting permitted activities and practice locations; establishing procedures which may be delegated; clarifying construction of certain provisions; providing for performance of certain procedures by specified persons and under certain conditions; providing additional Board authority over dental hygienists; prohibiting dental hygienists from owning or operating independent practice; providing additional Board authority over dental assistants and establishing criteria; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.