

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 55<sup>th</sup> Legislature

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| <b>Bill No.:</b>       | <b>SB 781</b>           |
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| <b>Impact:</b>         | <b>\$0</b>              |

**Research Analysis**

SB 781 makes several changes to the State Dental Act and Dental Mediation Act, including:

- Adding and modifying several definitions;
- Removing the dental board's ability to appoint an individual to be the principal administrative officer of the Board;
- Removing the requirement for all members of the Board to be bonded;
- Establishing standing committees to make recommendations to the Board and Establishing a Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee and a Allied Dental Education Committee;
- Adding additional application for licensure requirements for those seeking to practice dentistry or dental hygiene, including a jurisprudence examination;
- Permitting dentists and hygienists currently licensed in another state to apply for a license by credentials if they meet certain criteria;
- Adding additional requirements for a dentist to represent themselves as a specialist and listing recognized specialties;
- Requiring a dentist, if previously licensed for a specialty in another state, to provide a letter of good standing to the Board before issuance of a specialty license;
- Limiting any person only holding an Oklahoma specialty license to practicing that specialty;
- Permitting the issuance of a temporary license to practice dental hygiene;
- Changing the special volunteer license from one fiscal year to one calendar year and requiring special volunteers to list all locations and dates that they will be completing their volunteer work;
- Stipulating that dental assistants may be issued a volunteer permit at the request of an entity that provides dental services to the needy;
- Providing for the issuance of a retired volunteer dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant license if certain conditions are met;
- Providing application, training, educational, and other requirements for dental assistants or oral maxillofacial surgery assistants, as well as expanded duty permits.
- Providing an exemption for students currently enrolled at the University Of Oklahoma College Of Dentistry or an accredited dental hygiene or dental assisting program from certain sections under the dental act;
- Amending the process for issuance of a faculty license or faculty specialty license, including specifying that the license will expire when the license holder is no longer employed as a faculty member at the institution that requested the license;
- Requiring, beginning July 1, 2016, all advertisements for dentistry to include the name of the dentist or dentists that will be providing treatment and listing the type of dental or specialty license on the advertisement;
- Requiring all dental offices or treatment facilities to maintain, and make available to the Board, written records on each patient treated at the facility;

- Stipulating continuing education hour requirements for dentists, hygienists, oral maxillofacial surgery assistants, and certified dental assistants;
- Stipulating that the review and investigative panel will be composed of three members of the Board, assigned by the Board President, and specifying the panels authority; and
- Requiring the death of a dental patient within 48 hours of receiving anesthesia, or that is required to be reported to the Board, to be investigated by the Adverse Outcomes Review and Investigation Panel.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

SB 781 has no fiscal impact.

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**Other Considerations**

None.