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An Act relating to dentistry; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 328.3, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 151, O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 328.3), which relates to definitions; modifying certain definitions; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 328.21, as last amended by Section 7, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2015 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 328.21), which relates to examination; broadening permitted examinations for licensure; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 328.22, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 151, O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 328.22), which relates to specialty license; striking certain requirement; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 328.23, as last amended by Section 5, Chapter 151, O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 328.23), which relates to emergency temporary licenses for dentistry or dental hygiene; providing eligibility for military personnel; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 328.24, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter 151, O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 328.24), which relates to dental assistant permits; modifying dates for certain requirements; providing credentialing and reciprocity for out-of-state permit holders and military personnel; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 328.32, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 113, O.S.L. 2016 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 328.32), which relates to grounds for penalties; adding certain grounds; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 328.34, as last amended by Section 8, Chapter 151, O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 328.34), which relates to delegation of duties to dental hygienist; updating term; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 328.41, as last amended by Section 11,

Chapter 151, O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 328.41), which relates to continuing education requirements; adding certain requirement; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 328.44a, as last amended by Section 25, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2015 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 328.44a), which relates to penalties; permitting summary suspension under certain circumstances; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 328.51a, as last amended by Section 15, Chapter 151, O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 328.51a), which relates to fees; adding certain fee; and providing an effective date.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

- 10 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 328.3, as
- 11 | last amended by Section 1, Chapter 151, O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp.
- 12 | 2018, Section 328.3), is amended to read as follows:
- 13 Section 328.3. As used in the State Dental Act, the following
- 14 words, phrases, or terms, unless the context otherwise indicates,
- 15 | shall have the following meanings:
- 16 1. "Accredited dental college" means an institution whose
- 17 dental educational program is accredited by the Commission on Dental
- 18 | Accreditation of the American Dental Association;
- 19 2. "Accredited dental hygiene program" means a dental hygiene
- 20 educational program which is accredited by the Commission on Dental
- 21 Accreditation of the American Dental Association;
- 22 3. "Accredited dental assisting program" means a dental
- 23 assisting program which is accredited by the Commission on Dental
- 24 Accreditation of the American Dental Association;

4. "Board" means the Board of Dentistry;

- 5. "Certified dental assistant" means a dental assistant who has earned and maintains current certified dental assistant certification from the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB);
- 6. "Coronal polishing" means a procedure limited to the removal of plaque and stain from exposed tooth surfaces, utilizing a slow speed hand piece with a rubber polishing cup or brush and polishing agent and is not prophylaxis. To be considered prophylaxis, examination for calculus and scaling must be done by a hygienist or dentist;
- 7. "Deep sedation" means a drug-induced depression of consciousness during which patients cannot be easily aroused but respond purposefully following repeated or painful stimulation. The ability to independently maintain ventilator function may be impaired. Patients may require assistance in maintaining a patent airway, and spontaneous ventilation may be inadequate.

  Cardiovascular function is usually maintained;
- 8. "Dentistry" means the practice of dentistry in all of its branches;
- 9. "Dentist" means a graduate of an accredited dental college who has been issued a license by the Board to practice dentistry as defined in Section 328.19 of this title;
- 10. "Dental ambulatory surgical center (DASC)" means a facility that operates exclusively for the purpose of furnishing outpatient

surgical services to patients. A DASC shall have the same privileges and requirements as a dental office and additionally must be an accredited facility by the appropriate entity;

- 11. "Dental office" means an establishment owned and operated by a dentist for the practice of dentistry, which may be composed of reception rooms, business offices, private offices, laboratories, and dental operating rooms where dental operations are performed;
- 12. "Dental hygienist" means an individual who has fulfilled the educational requirements and is a graduate of an accredited dental hygiene program and who has passed an examination and has been issued a license by the Board and who is authorized to practice dental hygiene as hereinafter defined;
- means an individual working for a dentist, under the dentist's direct supervision or direct visual supervision, and performing duties in the dental office or a treatment facility, including the limited treatment of patients in accordance with the provisions of the State Dental Act. A dental assistant or oral maxillofacial surgery assistant may assist a dentist with the patient; provided, this shall be done only under the direct supervision or direct visual supervision and control of the dentist and only in accordance with the educational requirements and rules promulgated by the Board;

14. "Dental laboratory" means a location, whether in a dental office or not, where a dentist or a dental laboratory technician performs dental laboratory technology;

- 15. "Dental laboratory technician" means an individual whose name is duly filed in the official records of the Board, which authorizes the technician, upon the laboratory prescription of a dentist, to perform dental laboratory technology, which services must be rendered only to the prescribing dentist and not to the public;
- 16. "Dental laboratory technology" means using materials and mechanical devices for the construction, reproduction or repair of dental restorations, appliances or other devices to be worn in a human mouth;
  - 17. "Dental specialty" means a specialized practice of a branch of dentistry, recognized by the Board, where the dental college and specialty program are accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), or a dental specialty recognized by the Board, requiring a minimum number of hours of approved education and training and/or recognition by a nationally recognized association or accreditation board;
  - 18. "Direct supervision" means the supervisory dentist is in the dental office or treatment facility and, during the appointment, personally examines the patient, diagnoses any conditions to be treated, and authorizes the procedures to be performed by a dental

hygienist, dental assistant, or oral maxillofacial surgery
assistant. The supervising dentist is continuously on-site and
physically present in the dental office or treatment facility while
the procedures are being performed and, before dismissal of the
patient, evaluates the results of the dental treatment;

- 19. "Direct visual supervision" means the supervisory dentist has direct ongoing visual oversight which shall be maintained at all times during any procedure authorized to be performed by a dental assistant or an oral maxillofacial surgery assistant;
- 20. "Fellowship" means a program designed for post-residency graduates to gain knowledge and experience in a specialized field;
- 21. "General anesthesia" means a drug-induced loss of consciousness during which patients are not arousable, even by painful stimulation. The ability to independently maintain ventilator function is often impaired. Patients often require assistance in maintaining a patent airway, and positive pressure ventilation may be required because of depressed spontaneous ventilation or drug-induced depression of neuromuscular function. Cardiovascular function may be impaired;
- 22. "General supervision" means the supervisory dentist has diagnosed any conditions to be treated within the past thirteen (13) months, has personally authorized the procedures to be performed by a dental hygienist, and will evaluate the results of the dental treatment within a reasonable time as determined by the nature of

1 the procedures performed, the needs of the patient, and the 2 professional judgment of the supervisory dentist. General 3 supervision may only be used to supervise a hygienist and may not be used to supervise an oral maxillofacial surgery assistant or dental 4 assistant;

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- "Indirect supervision" means the supervisory dentist is in the dental office or treatment facility and has personally diagnosed any conditions to be treated, authorizes the procedures to be performed by a dental hygienist, remains in the dental office or treatment facility while the procedures are being performed, and will evaluate the results of the dental treatment within a reasonable time as determined by the nature of the procedures performed, the needs of the patient, and the professional judgment of the supervisory dentist. Indirect supervision may not be used for an oral maxillofacial surgery assistant or a dental assistant;
- 24. "Investigations" means an investigation proceeding, authorized under Sections 328.15A and 328.43a of this title, to investigate alleged violations of the State Dental Act or the rules of the Board;
- "Laboratory prescription" means a written description, dated and signed by a dentist, of dental laboratory technology to be performed by a dental laboratory technician;
- 26. "Minimal sedation" means a minimally depressed level of consciousness, produced by a pharmacological method, that retains

- the patient's ability to independently and continuously maintain an airway and respond normally to tactile stimulation and verbal command. Although cognitive function and coordination may be modestly impaired, ventilator and cardiovascular functions are unaffected;
  - 27. "Mobile dental anesthesia provider" means a licensed and anesthesia-permitted dentist, physician or certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) that has a mobile dental unit and provides anesthesia in dental offices and facilities in the state;

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"Mobile dental clinic" means a permitted motor vehicle or 28. trailer utilized as a dental clinic, and/or that contains dental equipment and is used to provide dental services to patients on-site and shall not include a mobile dental anesthesia provider. A mobile dental clinic shall also mean and include a volunteer mobile dental facility that is directly affiliated with a church or religious organization as defined by Section 501(c)(3) or 501(d) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, the church or religious organization with which it is affiliated is clearly indicated on the exterior of the mobile dental facility, and such facility does not receive any form of payment either directly or indirectly for work provided to patients other than donations through the affiliated church or religious organization; provided, that the volunteer mobile dental facility shall be exempt from any registration fee required under the State Dental Act;

29. "Moderate sedation" means a drug-induced depression of consciousness during which patients respond purposefully to verbal commands, either alone or accompanied by light tactile stimulation. No interventions are required to maintain a patent airway, and spontaneous ventilation is adequate. Cardiovascular function is usually maintained;

- 30. "Prophylaxis" means the removal of any and all calcareous deposits, stains, accretions or concretions from the supragingival and subgingival surfaces of human teeth, utilizing instrumentation by scaler or periodontal curette on the crown and root surfaces of human teeth including rotary or power-driven instruments. This procedure may only be performed by a dentist or dental hygienist;
- 31. "Patient" or "patient of record" means an individual who has given a medical history and has been examined and accepted by a dentist for dental care;
- 32. "Residencies" are programs designed for advanced clinical and didactic training in general dentistry or other specialties or other specialists at the post-doctoral level recognized by the <a href="Months: Economission on Dental Accreditation">Commission on Dental Accreditation</a> (CODA) of the American Dental Association or the Board;
- 33. "Supervision" means direct supervision, direct visual supervision, indirect supervision or general supervision; and

34. "Treatment facility" means:

1 a federal, tribal, state or local public health 2 facility, 3 b. a federal qualified health care facility (FQHC), a private health facility, 4 C. 5 d. a group home or residential care facility serving the elderly, handicapped or juveniles, 6 7 a hospital or dental ambulatory surgery center (DASC), е. f. a nursing home, 8 9 a penal institution operated by or under contract with g. 10 the federal or state government, a public or private school, 11 h. 12 i. a patient of record's private residence, j. a mobile dental clinic, 13 a dental college, dental program, dental hygiene 14 k. program or dental assisting program accredited by the 15 Commission on Dental Accreditation, or 16 1. such other places as are authorized by the Board. 17 59 O.S. 2011, Section 328.21, as SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 18 last amended by Section 7, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2015 (59 O.S. Supp. 19 2018, Section 328.21), is amended to read as follows: 20 Section 328.21. A. No person shall practice dentistry or 21 dental hygiene without first applying for and obtaining a license 22

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from the Board of Dentistry.

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B. Application shall be made to the Board in writing and shall be accompanied by the fee established by the rules of the Board, together with satisfactory proof that the applicant:

Is of good moral character;

- 2. Is twenty-one (21) years of age, or over, at the time of making application to practice dentistry or eighteen (18) years of age, or over, if the applicant is to practice dental hygiene;
- 3. Has passed a written theoretical examination and a clinical examination approved by the Board; and
- 4. Has passed a written jurisprudence examination over the rules and laws affecting dentistry in this state.
- C. An application from a candidate who desires to secure a license from the Board to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in this state shall be accompanied by satisfactory proof that the applicant:
- 1. Is a graduate of an accredited dental college, if the applicant is to practice dentistry;
- 2. Is a graduate of an accredited dental hygiene program, if the applicant is to practice dental hygiene;
- 3. Has passed all portions of the National Board Dental Examination or the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination; and
- 4. Has passed the Western Regional Examination Board (WREB),

  Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) examination or

  another regional exam as approved by the Board, as specified in

1	Section 328.15 of this title which includes the following
2	requirements:
3	a. for dental licensing:
4	(1) a fixed prosthetic component of an anterior crown
5	and a posterior bridge preparation or two crowns
6	that must be placed on an anterior tooth and
7	posterior molar,
8	(2) a periodontal component,
9	(3) an endodontic component, and
10	(4) an anterior and posterior restorative component
11	on a live patient, and
12	b. for dental hygienist licensing, examination content
13	based on clinical patient treatment with an evaluation
14	of specific clinical skills and the candidate's
15	compliance with professional standards during the
16	treatment. Such clinical skills shall include, but
17	may not be limited to, extra/intra oral assessment,
18	periodontal probing, scaling/subgingival calculus
19	removal and supragingival deposit removal as approved
20	by the Board pursuant to Section 328.15 of this title.
21	D. When the applicant and the accompanying proof are found
22	satisfactory, the Board shall notify the applicant to appear for the
23	jurisprudence examination at the time and place to be fixed by the

Board. A dental student or a dental hygiene student in their last

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semester of a dental or dental hygiene program, having met all other requirements, may make application and take the jurisprudence examination with a letter from the dean of the dental school or director of the hygiene program stating that the applicant is a candidate for graduation within the next six (6) months.

- E. The Board shall require every applicant for a license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene to submit, for the files of the Board, a copy of a dental degree or dental hygiene degree, an official transcript, a recent photograph duly identified and attested, and any other information as required by the Board.
- F. Any applicant who fails to pass the jurisprudence examination may apply for a second examination, in which case the applicant shall pay a reexamination fee as established by the statutes or rules of the State Dental Act.
- G. Any applicant who fails to pass the clinical examination as described in paragraph 4 of subsection C of this section may be given credit for such subjects as the Board may allow, but such credits shall be extended only to the succeeding examinations. If the applicant fails to pass a second examination, before further reexamination, the Board may require evidence of additional education, as specified by the Board. After a third examination, the Board may deny the applicant another examination.
- H. A dentist or dental hygienist currently licensed in another state having met the qualifications in paragraphs 1 through 3 of

subsections B and C of this section may apply for a license by credentials upon meeting the following:

- 1. A dentist holding a general dentist license in good standing and having practiced for at least five hundred (500) hours per year for the previous five (5) years immediately prior to application and having passed a regional examination substantially equivalent to the requirements for this state may apply for licensure by credentials;
- 2. A dental hygienist holding a dental hygiene license in good standing and having practiced for at least four hundred twenty (420) hours per year for the previous two (2) years immediately prior to application and having passed a regional examination substantially equivalent to the requirements for Oklahoma may apply for licensure by credentials. Applicants for reciprocity must include:
  - a. a letter of good standing from all states ever licensed,
  - b. proof of five (5) years of continuous active practice immediately prior to application for dentists and two(2) years for hygienists, and
  - c. any other requirements as set forth by the rules; or
- 3. An applicant applying for a dental or dental hygiene license by credentials shall only be required to pass the jurisprudence portion of the examination requirements as set forth in paragraph 4 of subsection C of this section.

I. There shall be two types of advanced procedure available for dental hygienists upon completion of a CODA approved program or course that has been approved by the Board:

- 1. Administration of nitrous oxide; and
- 2. Administration of local anesthesia.

- J. All licensees and permit holders shall display their current permit or license in a visible place within the dental office or treatment facility.
- 9 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 328.22, as
  10 last amended by Section 4, Chapter 151, O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp.
  11 2018, Section 328.22), is amended to read as follows:
  - Section 328.22. A. 1. The Board of Dentistry may issue a dental specialty license authorizing a dentist to represent himself or herself to the public as a specialist, and to practice as a specialist, in a dental specialty.
  - 2. No dentist shall represent himself or herself to the public as a specialist, nor practice as a specialist, unless the individual:
    - a. has successfully completed an advanced dental specialty educational program recognized by the Board and accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, or a dental specialty recognized by the Board, requiring a minimum number of hours of approved education and training and/or recognition by a

1		nationally recognized dental specialty accreditation
2		board,
3	b.	has met the requirements for a general dental license
4		set forth by Section 328.21 of this title,
5	<del>c.</del>	has passed the jurisprudence examination covering the
6		State Dental Act, rules and state laws, and
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8	<u>C.</u>	has completed any additional requirements set forth in
9		state law or rules and has been issued a dental
10		specialty license by the Board.
11	3. Speci	alties recognized by the Board shall include:
12	a.	dental public health,
13	b.	endodontics,
14	С.	oral and maxillofacial surgery,
15	d.	oral and maxillofacial radiology,
16	е.	orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics,
17	f.	pediatric dentistry,
18	g.	periodontics,
19	h.	prosthodontics, and
20	i.	oral pathology.
21	B. 1. A	at the time of application, if the dentist has ever been
22	licensed in a	any other state, he or she shall provide a letter of
23	good standing	from such state before the Board may issue a specialty

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license.

2. In conducting an investigation of an applicant who has applied for a dental specialty license pursuant to this subsection, the Board shall require of the applicant disclosure of the same background information as is required of an applicant for a license to practice dentistry in this state.

- C. Any person holding an Oklahoma specialty license that does not have an Oklahoma general dentistry license shall be limited to practicing that specialty for which they hold a license.
- D. The Board may use the American Dental Association guidelines or the guidelines of another nationally recognized dental association or board for the purpose of defining a specialty practice area not otherwise defined herein.
- SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 328.23, as last amended by Section 5, Chapter 151, O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 328.23), is amended to read as follows:
  - Section 328.23. A. The President of the Board, upon verification that a person meets the requirements provided for in this section and any other requirements provided for in the State Dental Act, may issue an emergency temporary license to practice dentistry for thirty (30) days. A temporary license may be extended but shall not exceed ninety (90) days or the next available regularly scheduled Board meeting.
  - B. The President of the Board, upon verification that a person meets the requirements provided for in the State Dental Act, may

issue an emergency temporary license to practice dental hygiene, which shall expire as of the date of the next dental hygiene clinical examination in Oklahoma, as required by the Board.

- C. A military veteran or active duty military spouse residing with the active duty member having met the requirements for licensure shall be eligible for a temporary license.
- <u>D.</u> Any applicant requesting an emergency temporary license shall submit a letter explaining the exigent circumstances along with all application materials. The determination of whether or not to grant the emergency temporary license based upon the exigent circumstances shall be at the sole discretion of the President or acting President of the Board.
- $\frac{D}{C}$ . A holder of a temporary license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene shall have the same rights and privileges and be governed by the State Dental Act and the rules of the Board in the same manner as a holder of a permanent license to practice dentistry and dental hygiene.
- E. The President of the Board may authorize patient treatment and care to individuals taking the Western Regional Examining Board Exam, or other regional exams as approved by the Board, to complete criteria related to Board examinations and may authorize specialty examinations to be given throughout the year as needed.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 328.24, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter 151, O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp. 3 2018, Section 328.24), is amended to read as follows:

Section 328.24. A. No person shall practice as a dental assistant or oral maxillofacial surgery assistant for more than one (1) day in a calendar year without having applied for a permit as a dental assistant or oral maxillofacial surgery assistant from the Board of Dentistry within thirty (30) days of beginning employment. During this time period, the dental assistant shall work under the direct visual supervision of a dentist at all times.

- B. The application shall be made to the Board in writing and shall be accompanied by the fee established by the Board, together with satisfactory proof that the applicant:
- 1. Is of good moral character; and

- 2. Passes a background check with criteria established by the Board.
- C. Beginning January 1, 2019 January 1, 2020, every dental assistant receiving a permit shall complete a class on infection control as approved by the Board within one (1) year from the date of receipt of the permit. Any person holding a valid dental assistant permit prior to January 1, 2019 January 1, 2020, shall complete an infection-control class as approved by the Board before December 31, 2019 December 31, 2020. Failure to complete the class

- 1 | shall be grounds for discipline pursuant to Section 328.29a of this 2 | title.
  - D. There shall be five types of expanded duty permits available for dental assistants upon completion of a program approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) or a course that has been approved by the Board:
  - 1. Radiation safety;
    - 2. Coronal polishing and topical fluoride;
- 9 3. Sealants;

- 4. Assisting in the administration of nitrous oxide; or
- 5. Assisting a dentist who holds a parenteral or pediatric anesthesia permit; provided, only the dentist may administer anesthesia and assess the patient's level of sedation.
  - E. The training requirements for all five expanded duty permits shall be set forth by the Board. A program that is not CODA-certified must meet the standards set forth and be approved by the Board.
  - F. An applicant for a dental assistant permit who has graduated from a dental assisting program accredited by CODA and has passed the jurisprudence test shall receive all five expanded duty permits provided for in subsection D of this section if the course materials approved by the Board are covered in the program.
  - G. A dental assistant who holds an out-of-state dental assistant permit with expanded functions may apply for credentialing

- and reciprocity for a dental assistant permit including any expanded duty function by demonstrating the following:
- 1. The dental assistant has had a valid dental assistant permit

  in another state for a minimum of two (2) years and is in good

  standing;
- 6 <u>2. The dental assistant has had a valid expanded duty function</u>
  7 in another state for a minimum of one (1) year; and

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- 3. The dental assistant provides a certificate or proof of completion of an educational class for the expanded function and that the dental assistant has been providing this treatment to dental patients while working as a dental assistant in a dental office for one (1) year.
- H. Any person having served in the military as a dental assistant shall receive credentialing and reciprocity for expanded functions by demonstrating the following:
- 1. Proof of military service in excess of two (2) years with any certifications or training in the expanded function areas; and
- 2. Verification from the commanding officer of the medical program or the appropriate supervisor stating that the dental assistant provided the expanded functions on patients in the military dental facility for a minimum of one (1) year.
- 22 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 328.32, as 23 last amended by Section 4, Chapter 113, O.S.L. 2016 (59 O.S. Supp.

24 2018, Section 328.32), is amended to read as follows:

Section 328.32. A. The following acts or occurrences by a dentist shall constitute grounds for which the penalties specified in Section 328.44a of this title may be imposed by order of the Board of Dentistry or be the basis for denying a new applicant any license or permit issued by the Board:

- 1. Pleading guilty or nolo contendere to, or being convicted of, a felony, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, Medicaid fraud or a violation of federal or state controlled dangerous substances laws;
- 2. Presenting to the Board a false diploma, license, or certificate, or one obtained by fraud or illegal means, or providing other false information on an application or renewal;
- 3. Being, by reason of persistent inebriety or addiction to drugs, incompetent to continue the practice of dentistry;
- 4. Publishing a false, fraudulent, or misleading advertisement or statement;
  - 5. Authorizing or aiding an unlicensed person to practice dentistry, to practice dental hygiene, or to perform a function for which a permit from the Board is required;
- 20 6. Authorizing or aiding a dental hygienist to perform any procedure prohibited by the State Dental Act or the rules of the Board;

7. Authorizing or aiding a dental assistant or oral maxillofacial surgery assistant to perform any procedure prohibited by the State Dental Act or the rules of the Board;

- 8. Failing to pay fees as required by the State Dental Act or the rules of the Board;
  - 9. Failing to complete continuing education requirements;
- 10. Representing himself or herself to the public as a specialist in a dental specialty without holding a dental specialty license therefor;
- 11. Representing himself or herself to the public as a specialist whose practice is limited to a dental specialty, when such representation is false, fraudulent, or misleading;
- 12. Endangering the health of patients by reason of having a highly communicable disease and continuing to practice dentistry without taking appropriate safeguards;
- 13. Practicing dentistry in an unsafe or unsanitary manner or place, including but not limited to repeated failures to follow Centers for Disease Control (CDC) or Occupational Health Safety Administration (OSHA) guidelines;
  - 14. Being shown to be mentally unsound;
- 21 15. Being shown to be grossly immoral and that such condition 22 represents a threat to patient care or treatment;
- 16. Being incompetent to practice dentistry while delivering care to a patient;

- 17. Committing gross negligence in the practice of dentistry;
- 18. Committing repeated acts of negligence in the practice of dentistry;

- 19. Offering to effect or effecting a division of fees, or agreeing to split or divide a fee for dental services with any person, in exchange for the person bringing or referring a patient;
- 20. Being involuntarily committed to an institution for treatment for substance abuse, until recovery or remission;
- 21. Using or attempting to use the services of a dental laboratory or dental laboratory technician without issuing a laboratory prescription, except as provided in subsection C of Section 328.36 of this title;
- 22. Aiding, abetting, or encouraging a dental hygienist employed by the dentist to make use of an oral prophylaxis list, or the calling by telephone or by use of letters transmitted through the mails to solicit patronage from patients formerly served in the office of any dentist formerly employing such hygienist;
- 23. Having more than the equivalent of three full-time dental hygienists for each dentist actively practicing in the same dental office;
- 24. Allowing a person not holding a permit or license issued by the Board to assist in the treatment of a patient without having a license or permit issued by the Board;

25. Knowingly patronizing or using the services of a dental laboratory or dental laboratory technician who has not complied with the provisions of the State Dental Act and the rules of the Board;

- 26. Authorizing or aiding a dental hygienist, dental assistant, oral maxillofacial surgery assistant, dental laboratory technician, or holder of a permit to operate a dental laboratory to violate any provision of the State Dental Act or the rules of the Board;
- 27. Willfully disclosing information protected by the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act, P.L. 104-191;
- 28. Writing a false, unnecessary, or excessive prescription for any drug or narcotic which is a controlled dangerous substance under either federal or state law;
- 29. Prescribing or administering any drug or treatment without having established a valid dentist-patient relationship;
- 30. Using or administering nitrous oxide gas in a dental office in an inappropriate or unauthorized manner;
- 31. Engaging in nonconsensual physical contact with a patient which is sexual in nature, or engaging in a verbal communication which is intended to be sexually demeaning to a patient;
- 32. Practicing dentistry without displaying, at the dentist's primary place of practice, the license issued to the dentist by the Board to practice dentistry and the current renewal certificate;

33. Being dishonest in a material way with a patient;

34. Failing to retain all patient records for at least seven (7) years from the date of the last treatment, except that the failure to retain records shall not be a violation of the State Dental Act if the dentist shows that the records were lost, destroyed, or removed by another, without the consent of the dentist;

- 35. Failing to retain the dentist's copy of any laboratory prescription for at least three (3) years, except that the failure to retain records shall not be a violation of the State Dental Act if the dentist shows that the records were lost, destroyed, or removed by another, without the consent of the dentist;
- 36. Allowing any corporation, organization, group, person, or other legal entity, except another dentist or a professional entity that is in compliance with the registration requirements of subsection B of Section 328.31 of this title, to direct, control, or interfere with the dentist's clinical judgment. Clinical judgment shall include, but not be limited to, such matters as selection of a course of treatment, control of patient records, policies and decisions relating to pricing, credit, refunds, warranties and advertising, and decisions relating to office personnel and hours of practice. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to:
  - a. limit a patient's right of informed consent, or
  - b. prohibit insurers, preferred provider organizations and managed care plans from operating pursuant to the

applicable provisions of the Oklahoma Insurance Code and the Public Health Code;

- 37. Violating the state dental act of another state resulting in a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, conviction or suspension or revocation or other sanction by another state board, of the license of the dentist under the laws of that state;
- 38. Violating or attempting to violate the provisions of the State Dental Act or the rules of the Board, as a principal, accessory or accomplice;
- 39. Failing to comply with the terms and conditions of an order imposing suspension of a license or placement on probation issued pursuant to Section 328.44a of this title;
- 40. Failing to cooperate during an investigation or providing false information, verbally or in writing, to the Board, the Board's investigator or an agent of the Board;  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \mathbf{r}}$
- 41. Having multiple administrative or civil actions reported to the National Practitioner Databank; or
- 42. Failing to complete an approved two-hour course on opioid and scheduled drug prescribing within one (1) year of obtaining a license or a violation of a law related to controlled dangerous substances including prescribing laws pursuant to Section 2-309D of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
- B. The provisions of the State Dental Act shall not be construed to prohibit any dentist from displaying or otherwise

advertising that the dentist is also currently licensed, registered, certified, or otherwise credentialed pursuant to the laws of this state or a nationally recognized credentialing board, if authorized by the laws of the state or credentialing board to display or otherwise advertise as a licensed, registered, certified, or credentialed dentist.

SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 328.34, as last amended by Section 8, Chapter 151, O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 328.34), is amended to read as follows:

Section 328.34. A. A dental hygienist may practice dental hygiene under the supervision of a dentist in a dental office or treatment facility. A dentist may employ not more than the equivalent of three full-time dental hygienists for each dentist actively practicing in the same dental office. Employing the equivalent of three dental hygienists shall mean the employment or any combination of full- or part-time dental hygienists not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) hours per week per dentist.

- B. 1. A dentist may delegate to a dental hygienist the following procedures:
  - a. the duties and expanded duties authorized for dental assistants by the State Dental Act or the rules of the Board of Dentistry,
  - b. health history assessment pertaining to dental hygiene,

c. dental hygiene examination and the charting of intraoral and extra-oral conditions, which include

periodontal charting, dental charting and classifying
occlusion,

- d. dental hygiene assessment and treatment planning for procedures authorized by the supervisory dentist,
- e. prophylaxis, which means the removal of any and all calcareous deposits, stains, accretions, or concretions from the supragingival and subgingival surfaces of human teeth, utilizing instrumentation by scaler or periodontal curette on the crown and root surfaces of human teeth, including rotary or powerdriven instruments. This paragraph shall not be construed to prohibit the use of a rubber cap polishing cup or brush on the crowns of human teeth by a dental assistant who holds a current expanded duty permit for Coronal Polishing/Topical Fluoride issued by the Board,
- f. periodontal scaling and root planing,
- g. dental hygiene nutritional and dietary evaluation,
- h. placement of subgingival prescription drugs for prevention and treatment of periodontal disease,
- i. soft tissue curettage,
- j. placement of temporary fillings,

1 k. removal of overhanging margins,

- 1. dental implant maintenance,
  - m. removal of periodontal packs,
  - n. polishing of amalgam restorations, and
  - o. other procedures authorized by the Board.
- 2. The procedures specified in subparagraphs b through o of paragraph 1 of this subsection may be performed only by a dentist or a dental hygienist.
- 3. Except as provided in subsections C and D of this section, the procedures specified in paragraph 1 of this subsection may be performed by a dental hygienist only on a patient of record and only under the supervision of a dentist. The level of supervision, whether direct, indirect or general, shall be at the discretion of the supervisory dentist. Authorization for general supervision shall be limited to a maximum of thirteen (13) months following an examination by the supervisory dentist of a patient of record. For the purposes of this paragraph, "patient of record" means an individual who has given a medical history and has been examined and accepted by a dentist for dental care.
- C. 1. A dentist may authorize procedures to be performed by a dental hygienist, without complying with the provisions of paragraph 3 of subsection B of this section, if:
  - a. the dental hygienist has at least two (2) years experience in the practice of dental hygiene,

b. the authorization to perform the procedures is in writing and signed by the dentist, and

- c. the procedures are performed during an initial visit to a person in a treatment facility.
- 2. The person upon whom the procedures are performed must be referred to a dentist after completion of the procedures performed pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection.
- 3. A dental hygienist shall not perform a second set of procedures on a person pursuant to this subsection until the person has been examined and accepted for dental care by a dentist.
- 4. The treatment facility in which any procedure is performed by a dental hygienist pursuant to this subsection shall note each such procedure in the medical records of the person upon whom the procedure was performed and list the dentist that authorized the hygienist to perform the procedures signed by the hygienist.
- D. A treatment facility may employ dental hygienists whose services shall be limited to the examination of teeth and the teaching of dental hygiene or as otherwise authorized by the Board.
  - E. The Board is authorized to:

1. Prescribe, by rule, advanced procedures that may be performed by a dental hygienist who has satisfactorily completed a course of study regarding the performance of such procedures. The advance procedures shall include the administration of local anesthesia and the administration of nitrous oxide analgesia;

2. Establish guidelines for courses of study necessary for a dental hygienist to perform advanced procedures;

- 3. Issue authorization to perform advanced procedures to those dental hygienists who meet the eligibility requirements; and
- 4. Establish the level of supervision, whether direct, indirect or general, under which the advanced procedures may be performed.
- F. A dental hygienist shall not own or operate an independent practice of dental hygiene.
- G. Nothing in the State Dental Act shall be construed to prohibit a dentist from performing any of the procedures that may be performed by a dental hygienist.
- H. Nothing in the State Dental Act shall be construed to allow a dental assistant to work under the supervision of a dental hygienist while acting under direct, indirect or general supervision.
- SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 328.41, as
  last amended by Section 11, Chapter 151, O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp.
  2018, Section 328.41), is amended to read as follows:
  - Section 328.41. A. 1. On or before the last day of December of each year, every dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant, oral maxillofacial surgery assistant and other licensee or permit holders previously licensed or permitted by the Board to practice in this state, with the exception of those listed in paragraph 2 of this subsection, shall submit a completed renewal application with

- information as may be required by the Board, together with an annual renewal fee established by the rules of the Board. Upon receipt of the annual renewal fee, the Board shall issue a renewal certificate authorizing the dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant, or oral maxillofacial surgery assistant to continue the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene, respectively, in this state for a period of one (1) year. Every license or permit issued by the Board shall begin on January 1 and expire on December 31 of each year.
  - 2. Beginning July 1, 2017, resident and fellowship permits shall be valid from July 1 through June 30 of each year and dental student intern permits shall be valid from August 1 through July 31 of each year.
  - B. Continuing education requirements shall be due at the end of each three-year period ending in 2019 as follows:
    - 1. Dentists shall complete sixty (60) hours;
  - 2. Hygienists shall complete thirty (30) hours;

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- 3. Oral maxillofacial surgery assistants shall complete twelve (12) hours; and
- 4. Any newly licensed dentist shall complete a two-hour opioid
  and scheduled drug prescribing class within one (1) year of
- 22 <u>5.</u> Beginning in 2020, continuing education requirements shall

23 be due at the end of each two-year period as follows:

obtaining licensure; and

a. dentists shall complete forty (40) hours, including a one-time, two-hour opioid and scheduled drug prescribing class,

b. hygienists shall complete twenty (20) hours,

- c. OMS assistants shall complete eight (8) hours, and
- d. dental assistants shall have two (2) hours of infection control.
- C. Upon failure of a dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant, or oral maxillofacial surgery assistant to pay the annual renewal fee within two (2) months after January 1, the Board shall notify the dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant, or oral maxillofacial surgery assistant in writing by certified mail to the last-known mailing address of the dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant, or oral maxillofacial surgery assistant as reflected in the records of the Board.
- D. Any dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant, or oral maxillofacial surgery assistant whose license or permit is automatically canceled by reason of failure, neglect or refusal to secure the renewal certificate may be reinstated by the Board at any time within one (1) year from the date of the expiration of the license, upon payment of the annual renewal fee and a penalty fee established by the rules of the Board. If the dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant, or oral maxillofacial surgery assistant does not apply for renewal of the license or permit and pay the

- required fees within one (1) year after the license has expired,
  then the dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant, or oral
  maxillofacial surgery assistant shall be required to file an
  application for and take the examination or other requirements
  provided for in the State Dental Act or the rules promulgated by the
  Board before again commencing practice.
  - E. The Board, by rule, shall provide for the remittance of fees otherwise required by the State Dental Act while a dentist or dental hygienist is on active duty with any of the Armed Forces of the United States.

- F. In case of a lost or destroyed license or renewal certificate and upon satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction thereof, the Board may issue a duplicate, charging therefor a fee established by the rules of the Board.
- G. A dentist, dental hygienist, oral maxillofacial surgery assistant or dental assistant that is in good standing and not under investigation that notifies the Board in writing of a voluntary nonrenewal of license or requests retirement status shall have a right to renew or reinstate his or her license within five (5) years from the date of notice. The Board may require any training or continuing education requirements to be met prior to reinstatement.
- H. A dentist, dental hygienist, oral maxillofacial dental assistant or dental assistant that has not had an active license or

- permit in excess of five (5) years shall be required to apply as a
  new applicant.
  - I. Any application for a license or permit that has remained inactive for more than one (1) year shall be closed.

5 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 328.44a, as 6 last amended by Section 25, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2015 (59 O.S. Supp.

2018, Section 328.44a), is amended to read as follows:

- Section 328.44a. A. The Board of Dentistry is authorized, after notice and opportunity for a hearing pursuant to Article II of the Administrative Procedures Act, to issue an order imposing one or more of the following penalties whenever the Board finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that a dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant, oral maxillofacial surgery assistant, dental laboratory technician, holder of a permit to operate a dental laboratory, or an entity operating pursuant to the provisions of the Professional Entity Act or the State Dental Act has committed any of the acts or occurrences set forth in Sections 328.29, 329.29a, 328.32, 328.33, 328.39 and 328.39a of this title:
- 1. Refusal to issue a license or permit, or a renewal thereof, provided for in the State Dental Act;
  - 2. Suspension of a license or permit issued by the Board for a period of time deemed appropriate by the Board;
  - 3. Revocation of a license or permit issued by the Board;

- 1 Imposition of an administrative penalty not to exceed One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per violation;
  - Issuance of a censure; 5.

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- Placement on probation for a period of time and under such terms and conditions as deemed appropriate by the Board;
- 7. Probation monitoring fees, which shall be the responsibility of the licensee on all probations; or
  - 8. Restriction of the services that can be provided by a dentist or dental hygienist, under such terms and conditions as deemed appropriate by the Board.
  - B. A dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant, oral maxillofacial surgery assistant, dental laboratory technician, or holder of a permit to operate a dental laboratory, against whom a penalty is imposed by an order of the Board pursuant to the provisions of this section, shall have the right to seek a judicial review of such order pursuant to Article II of the Administrative Procedures Act.
  - C. The Board may issue a summary suspension on a licensee or permit holder who is found guilty of a felony charge and is sentenced to incarceration in a state or federal facility.

SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 328.51a, as 21 last amended by Section 15, Chapter 151, O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp. 22 2018, Section 328.51a), is amended to read as follows: 23

Section 328.51a. A. The Board of Dentistry is authorized to charge the following fees for the purpose of implementing and enforcing the State Dental Act. The penalty and late fee shall be twice the amount of the original fee for license renewals.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the State Dental Act, the fees established by the Board shall be not less nor more than the range created by the following schedule:

## 1. LICENSE AND PERMIT APPLICATION FEES:

9			Minimum	Maximum
10	a.	License by Examination		
11		Dentist	\$200.00	\$400.00
12		Dental Hygienist	\$100.00	\$200.00
13	b.	License by Credentialing		
14		Dentist	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
15		Dental Hygienist	\$100.00	\$200.00
16	С.	Dental Specialty License by		
17		Examination	\$300.00	\$600.00
18	d.	Dental Specialty License by		
19		Credentialing	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
20	е.	Faculty Permit		
21		Dentist	\$100.00	\$200.00
22		Dental Hygienist	\$50.00	\$100.00
23	f.	Dental Student Intern Permit	\$50.00	\$200.00
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1		g.	Temporary License to Practice		
2			Dental Hygiene	\$50.00	\$100.00
3		h.	Dental Assistant or Oral		
4			Maxillofacial Surgery		
5			Assistant Permit	\$50.00	\$100.00
6		i.	Dental Assistant with		
7			Expanded Function(s) by		
8			<u>Credential</u>	\$75.00	\$150.00
9		<u>j.</u>	Temporary License to Practice		
10			Dentistry	\$75.00	\$150.00
11		<del>j.</del>			
12		<u>k.</u>	Permit to Operate a Dental		
13			Laboratory - current Oklahoma		
14			licensed dentist	\$20.00	\$60.00
15		<del>k.</del>			
16		<u>l.</u>	General Anesthesia Permit		
17			Dentist	\$100.00	\$200.00
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19		<u>m.</u>	Conscious Sedation Permit		
20			Dentist	\$100.00	\$200.00
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22		<u>n.</u>	Permit to Operate a Dental		
23			Laboratory - commercial	\$200.00	\$500.00
24	2. I	RE-EX	AMINATION FEES:		

1	a.	License by Examination		
2		Dentist	\$200.00	\$400.00
3		Dental Hygienist	\$100.00	\$200.00
4	b.	Dental Specialty License by		
5		Examination	\$300.00	\$600.00
6	С.	Jurisprudence Only Re-		
7		Examination		
8		Dentist	\$10.00	\$20.00
9		Dental Hygienist	\$10.00	\$20.00
10	3. ANNUA	AL RENEWAL FEES:		
11	a.	Dentist	\$200.00	\$400.00
12	b.	Dental Hygienist	\$100.00	\$200.00
13	С.	Dental Specialty License	\$100.00	\$200.00
14	d.	Faculty Permit		
15		Dentist	\$50.00	\$100.00
16		Dental Hygienist	\$50.00	\$100.00
17	е.	Dental Resident, Dental		
18		Fellowship	\$100.00	\$200.00
19	f.	Dental Assistant, Oral		
20		Maxillofacial Surgery		
21		Assistant, or Dental Student		
22		Intern Permit	\$50.00	\$100.00
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1		g.	Permit to Operate a Dental		
2			Laboratory, current Oklahoma		
3			Licensed dentist	\$20.00	\$60.00
4		h.	General Anesthesia Permit		
5			Dentist	\$100.00	\$200.00
6		i.	Conscious Sedation Permit		
7			Dentist	\$100.00	\$200.00
8		j.	Permit to Operate a Dental		
9			Laboratory, non-dentist owner	\$300.00	\$500.00
10	4.	OTHER	FEES:		
11		a.	Duplicate License		
12			Dentist or Dental		
13			Hygienist	\$30.00	\$40.00
14		b.	Duplicate Permit or		
15			Registration	\$5.00	\$15.00
16		С.	Certificate of Good Standing	\$5.00	\$15.00
17		d.	Professional Entity		
18			Certification Letter	\$5.00	\$20.00
19		е.	Professional Entity		
20			Registration or Update	\$5.00	\$20.00
21		f.	Mobile Dental Clinic	\$200.00	\$400.00
22		g.	List of the Name and Current		
23			Mailing Address of all		
24			Persons who hold a License or		

1	Permit issued by the Board.					
2	(A request for a list shall					
3	be submitted to the Board in					
4	writing noting the specific					
5	proposed use of the list.)	\$25.00	\$75.00			
6	h. Official State Dental License					
7	Identification Card with					
8	Picture	\$25.00	\$35.00			
9	i. Returned checks	\$25.00	\$30.00			
10	B. A person who holds a license to pract	ice dentistr	y in this			
11	state, and who also holds a dental specialty	license, sha	ll not be			
12	required to pay an annual renewal fee for the dental specialty					
13	license if the licensee has paid the annual renewal fee for the					
14	license to practice dentistry.					
15	SECTION 11. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.					
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