

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 SENATE BILL 1125

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the State Dental Act; amending 59
8 O.S. 2011, Section 328.24, as amended by Section 12,
Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2015 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section
9 328.24), which relates to dental assistants;
10 requiring dental assistants and oral maxillofacial
surgery assistants to obtain certain certifications
11 in order to assist with certain procedures; and
providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 328.24, as
15 amended by Section 12, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2015 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017,
16 Section 328.24), is amended to read as follows:

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

1 B. The application shall be made to the Board in writing and
2 shall be accompanied by the fee established by the Board, together
3 with satisfactory proof that the applicant:

4 1. Is of good moral character; and

5 2. Passes a background check with criteria established by the
6 Board.

7 C. There shall be five types of expanded duty permits available
8 for dental assistants upon completion of a program approved by the
9 Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) or a course by the Dental
10 Assisting National Board (DANB) that meets the requirements of the
11 board or a course that has been approved by the Board:

12 1. Radiation safety;

13 2. Coronal polishing and topical fluoride;

14 3. Sealants;

15 4. Assisting in the administration of nitrous oxide; or

16 5. Assisting a dentist who holds a parenteral or pediatric
17 anesthesia permit; provided, only the dentist may administer
18 anesthesia and assess the patient's level of sedation. Any dental
19 assistant or oral maxillofacial surgery assistant who wishes to
20 assist with mild to moderate sedation procedures performed on adults
21 must be certified in advanced cardiac life support. Any dental
22 assistant or oral maxillofacial surgery assistant who wishes to
23 assist with mild to moderate sedation procedures performed on minors
24 must be certified in pediatric advanced life support.

1 D. The training requirements for all five expanded duty permits
2 shall be set forth by the Board. A program that is not CODA-
3 certified must meet the standards set forth and be approved by the
4 board.

5 E. An applicant for a dental assistant permit who has graduated
6 from a dental assisting program accredited by CODA and has passed
7 the jurisprudence test shall receive all five expanded duty permits
8 provided for in subsection C of this section if the course materials
9 approved by the Board are covered in the program.

10 F. A dental assistant that has met the educational
11 prerequisites and passed the Certified Dental Assistant examination
12 including radiation health and safety, infection control and general
13 chairside component established by DANB, shall have a designation of
14 "CDA" on their Dental Assistant Permit. A dental assistant meeting
15 the qualifications of a CDA set forth by DANB, shall also receive an
16 expanded duty permit for radiation safety. Each certified dental
17 assistant shall provide proof to the Board that they are in current
18 compliance with the requirements set forth by DANB to maintain their
19 CDA upon each yearly renewal of their permit.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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