

No. 196

AN ACT

HB 2188

Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.216), entitled "An act relating to dentistry; defining and providing for the licensing and registration of dentists and dental hygienists, and for the revocation and suspension of such licenses and registrations, subject to appeal, and for their reinstatement; defining the powers and duties of the State Dental Council and Examining Board and the Department of Public Instruction; providing penalties; and repealing existing laws," further defining the term "Dental Hygienist."

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The definition of "Dental Hygienist" in section 2, act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.216), known as "The Dental Law," amended May 13, 1959 (P.L.316), is amended to read:

Section 2. Definitions.—* * *

A "Dental Hygienist" is one who is legally licensed as such by the said dental council and examining board to [remove tartar deposits, accretions, and stains from the exposed surfaces of the teeth and directly beneath the free margin of the gums, and to make application of medicaments, as defined and approved by the board, to the exposed surfaces of the teeth for the prevention of dental caries, in the office of a dentist or any public or private institutions such as schools, hospitals, orphan asylums, and sanitoriums or State health cars, under the general supervision of a licensed and registered dentist, and not otherwise, and who does not perform any other operation or work on the teeth, jaws, gums or mouth whatever] *perform those educational, preventive, and therapeutic services and procedures that licensed dental hygienists are educated to perform. Licensed dentists may assign to their employed dental hygienists intra-oral procedures which the hygienists have been educated to perform and which require their professional competence and skill but which do not require the professional competence and skill of the employer-dentist. Such assignments shall be under the supervision of a licensed dentist. Such performance of intra-oral procedures by licensed dental hygienists shall be in the office of a dentist or public or private institution such as schools, hospitals, orphanages, and sanatoria or State health cars. The foregoing shall not be construed as authorizing the assignment of diagnosing, treatment planning and writing prescriptions for drugs or writing authorizations for restorative, prosthetic, or orthodontic appliances. The board shall issue rules setting forth the necessary education and defining the procedures that may be performed by dental hygienists licensed under this act including those procedures that may be performed under direct and general supervision.*

APPROVED—The 12th day of July, A. D. 1972.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly
No. 196.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a prominent "T" at the end.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.