

45:6-19.5 and 45:6-19.6

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

**NJSA:** 45:6-19.5 and 45:6-19.6 (Dentists-- permit practice in hospitals)

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1988 Assembly No. 1542

1 **AN ACT** to provide hospital privileges for licensed dentists and  
supplementing chapter 6 of Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the  
State of New Jersey:

7 1. A licensed dentist whose credentials have been approved  
and who has been granted privileges by the medical staff of a  
9 public or private licensed hospital or other public or private  
institution in this State and who has been approved by the  
governing board of the hospital or institution may:

11 a. Diagnose and treat patients admitted for acute or chronic  
illness, injury or deformity within the province of the human jaw  
13 and associated structures and complete and authenticate  
medical records of patients admitted or treated for dental or  
15 oral and maxillofacial surgical problems; and

17 b. Prescribe medication and treatment for patients admitted  
for dental or oral and maxillofacial surgical problems.

19 A dentist, other than a qualified oral and maxillofacial  
surgeon, who performs one or more of the procedures set forth  
in this section shall arrange for appropriate medical consultation  
21 to be provided by a qualified physician member of the medical  
staff of the hospital or institution for a patient of the dentist.

23 2. In addition to the procedures authorized pursuant to  
section 1 of this act, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon may  
25 perform a history and physical examination on a patient  
admitted to a hospital for a dental or oral and maxillofacial  
27 surgical procedure, if the surgeon has successfully completed a  
postgraduate program in oral surgery accredited by a nationally  
29 recognized accrediting body approved by the United States  
Department of Education.

1       **Whenever a qualified oral and maxillofacial surgeon admits a**  
2       **patient with a medical problem, he shall seek the consultative**  
3       **services of a qualified physician member of the medical staff.**

4       **Each patient's general medical condition is the responsibility**  
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9 STATEMENT

11 This bill extends staff privileges, in a public or private  
hospital or other public or private institution in New Jersey, to  
13 any licensed dentist whose credentials have been approved by  
the governing board of that institution.

15 Specifically, the bill authorizes an approved dentist to (1)  
diagnose and treat patients admitted to the institution for any  
17 injury or illness associated with the human jaw and to  
authenticate their medical records, and (2) prescribe  
19 medication and treatment for patients admitted to the  
institution for a dental or oral and maxillofacial surgical  
21 problem. A dentist who performs any of these procedures, other  
than an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, is to arrange for  
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25 institution.

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27 maxillofacial surgeon who has completed an accredited  
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ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION AND REGULATED  
PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1542

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 8, 1988

The Assembly Higher Education and Regulated Professions Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 1542.

This bill extends staff privileges, in a public or private hospital or other public or private institution in New Jersey, to any licensed dentist whose credentials have been approved and who has been granted privileges by the medical staff of the institution, and who has been approved by the governing board of that institution.

Specifically, the bill authorizes an approved dentist to (1) diagnose and treat patients admitted to the institution for any injury or illness associated with the human jaw and to authenticate their medical records, and (2) prescribe medication and treatment for patients admitted to the institution for a dental or oral and maxillofacial surgical problem. A dentist who performs any of these procedures, other than an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, is to arrange for appropriate medical consultation to be provided by a qualified physician member of the medical staff of the hospital or institution.

In addition to the above procedures, the bill allows an oral and maxillofacial surgeon who has completed an accredited postgraduate program in oral surgery to perform a history and physical examination on a patient admitted to a hospital for a dental or oral and maxillofacial surgical procedure. Whenever a qualified surgeon admits a patient who has a medical problem, however, the surgeon is to seek the consultative services of a qualified physician member of the hospital medical staff. Each patient's general medical condition is to be the responsibility of the physician member of the medical staff.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2878 2nd OCR of 1986.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 1988 session pending technical review. As reported the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

SENATE LABOR, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1542

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 25, 1988

The Senate Labor, Industry and Professions Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 1542.

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