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SPONSOR(S): Biondi and others

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SENATE:

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A2487/A2773

[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT \(A2487\)](#): (Begins on page 3 of original bill) [Yes](#)

[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT \(A2773\)](#): (Begins on page 3 of original bill) [Yes](#)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** [Yes](#)

SENATE: No

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

S1272

[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT](#): (Begins on page 3 of original bill) [Yes](#)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

SENATE: [Yes](#)

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P.L. 2005, CHAPTER 5, *approved January 19, 2005*

Assembly Committee Substitute for
Assembly, Nos. 2487 and 2773

1 AN ACT concerning continuing education for dental hygienists and
2 amending P.L.1979, c.46.

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

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7 1. Section 9 of P.L.1979, c.46 (C.45:6-56) is amended to read as
8 follows:

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11 person licensed to practice dental hygiene **[or registered as a**
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13 State shall provide the board with a certified statement, upon a form
14 issued and distributed by the board, that such licensed **[or registered]**
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16 continuing education in dental hygiene **[or dental assisting]** as follows:
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18 post-graduate courses, scientific sessions of conventions, research on
19 clinical subjects, service as a clinician or any other such evidence of
20 continuing education which the board may approve.

21 (2) Every two years, at the time of registration renewal, each
22 person registered as a registered dental assistant or limited registered
23 dental assistant in this State shall provide the board with a certified
24 statement, upon a form issued and distributed by the board, that such
25 registered person has attended, or participated in not less than
26 10 hours of continuing education in dental assisting as follows:
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30 continuing education which the board may approve.

31 b. The board shall notify each licensed or registered person of any
32 failure to comply with this requirement, and shall further notify said
33 person that upon continued failure to comply for a period of three
34 months from the date of notice, the board may, at its discretion take
35 action pursuant to section 11 of this act.

36 c. The board, in its discretion, may waive any of the requirements
37 of this section in cases of certified illness or undue hardship to be
38 determined on an individual basis.

39 (cf: P.L.1995, c.367, s.4)

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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6 Revises continuing education requirements for dental hygienists.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2487

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 11, 2004

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman PETER J. BIONDI

District 16 (Morris and Somerset)

Assemblyman KEVIN J. O'TOOLE

District 40 (Bergen, Essex and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Revises continuing education requirements for dental hygienists.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 STATEMENT

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3 This bill requires dental hygienists to complete 20 hours of
4 continuing education requirements as a condition of biennial license
5 renewal. Currently, dental hygienists are required to complete
6 10 hours of continuing education in a two-year period.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2773

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 10, 2004

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ANTHONY IMPREVEDUTO

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

Assemblyman BRIAN P. STACK

District 33 (Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

Increases continuing education training requirements for dental hygienists.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



A2773 IMPREVEDUTO, STACK

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21 continuing education which the board may approve.

22 (2) Every two years, at the time of registration renewal, each
23 person registered as a registered dental assistant or limited registered
24 dental assistant in this State shall provide the board with a certified
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6 This bill amends "The Dental Auxiliaries Act" P.L.1979, c.46
7 (C.45:6-48 et seq.), to require dental hygienists to complete 20 hours
8 of continuing education requirements as a condition of biennial license
9 renewal. Currently, dental hygienists are required to complete 10
10 hours of continuing education in a two-year period. The bill also
11 specifies that acceptable forms of continuing education for dental
12 hygienists, registered dental assistants and limited registered dental
13 assistants include lectures or study club sessions dealing with topics
14 directly relating to or concerning the practice of dentistry.

ASSEMBLY REGULATED PROFESSIONS AND
INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, Nos. 2487 and 2773

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

The Assembly Regulated Professions and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably the Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill Nos. 2487 and 2773.

This committee substitute requires dental hygienists to complete 20 hours of continuing education requirements as a condition of biennial license renewal. Currently, dental hygienists are required to complete 10 hours of continuing education in a two-year period. The substitute bill continues the current requirement that dental assistants complete 10 hours of continuing education in a two-year period.

SENATE, No. 1272

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 24, 2004

Sponsored by:

Senator ROBERT W. SINGER

District 30 (Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean)

Senator RONALD L. RICE

District 28 (Essex)

SYNOPSIS

Revises continuing education requirements for dental hygienists.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



S1272 SINGER, RICE

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SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1272

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 4, 2004

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1272.

This bill requires dental hygienists to complete 20 hours of continuing education requirements as a condition of biennial license renewal. Currently, dental hygienists are required to complete 10 hours of continuing education in a two-year period. The bill leaves intact the current requirement that dental assistants complete 10 hours of continuing education every two years.