

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 205

Introduced by Assembly Member Ruskin

January 31, 2005

An act to amend Section 1706 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentistry.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 205, as introduced, Ruskin. Denture identification.

Existing law, the Dental Practice Act, regulates the practice of dentistry by the Dental Board of California in the Department of Consumer Affairs. Under existing law, a complete upper or lower denture fabricated by a licensed dentist, or fabricated pursuant to the dentist's work order, is required to be marked with the patient's name or social security number, unless the patient objects.

This bill would instead require that the dentures be marked with the patient's name unless he or she objects. The bill would require the dentist to provide written information to the patient on dentures and to obtain the patient's written consent to mark the dentures.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1706 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 1706. (a) Every complete upper or lower denture fabricated
- 4 by a licensed dentist, or fabricated pursuant to the dentist's work
- 5 order, shall be marked with the patient's name ~~or social security~~
- 6 ~~number~~, unless the patient objects. The initials of the patient may

1 be shown alone, if use of the name of the patient is not practical.
2 The markings shall be done during fabrication and shall be
3 permanent, legible, and cosmetically acceptable. The exact
4 location of the markings and the methods used to implant or
5 apply them shall be determined by the dentist or dental
6 laboratory fabricating the denture. ~~The~~

7 ~~(b) The dentist shall inform the patient that the markings are to~~
8 ~~be used for identification only and the patient shall have the~~
9 ~~choice of which marking is to appear on the dentures provide the~~
10 ~~patient with written information that dentures are to be marked for~~
11 ~~identification, and shall, at the time the patient requests dentures,~~
12 ~~obtain the patient's written consent to mark the dentures.~~

13 (c) The dentist shall retain the records of those marked
14 dentures and shall not release the records to any person except by
15 enforcement officers, in the event of an emergency requiring
16 personal identification by means of dental records, or to anyone
17 authorized by the patient.