

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 205**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Ruskin**

January 31, 2005

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 205, as amended, 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, ~~unless the patient~~

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

7 ~~(b) The dentist shall provide the patient with written~~  
8 ~~information that dentures are to be marked for identification, and~~  
9 ~~shall, at the time the patient requests dentures, obtain the~~  
10 ~~patient's written consent to mark the dentures.~~

11 (e)

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