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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 880

Introduced by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas
(Coauthor: Senator Hall)

February 26, 2015

An act to add Section 1626.6 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentistry.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 880, as amended, Ridley-Thomas. Dentistry: licensure: exemption.

The Dental Practice Act provides for the licensure and regulation of persons engaged in the practice of dentistry by the Dental Board of California, and prohibits the practice of dentistry by any person without a valid license, except in certain circumstances.

This bill would additionally exempt from that prohibition the practice of dentistry, as specified and as approved by the board, by a final year student, as defined, without compensation or expectation of compensation and under the supervision of a licensed dentist with a *clinical* faculty appointment at a sponsored event, as defined, if specified conditions are met. This bill would require the sponsoring entity of the

sponsored event to provide the Dental Board of California with a list of the names of the students practicing dentistry exempted pursuant to this bill at the sponsored event, the name of the school of enrollment of those students, and the name and license number of the supervising licensed dentist.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 1626.6 is added to the Business and
2 Professions Code, to read:

3 1626.6. (a) (1) In addition to the exemptions set forth in
4 Section 1626, the practice of dentistry by a final year student
5 rendered or performed without compensation or expectation of
6 compensation under the supervision of a licensed dentist with a
7 *clinical* faculty appointment at a sponsored event, is exempt from
8 the operation of this chapter.

9 (2) The practice of dentistry exempted by paragraph (1) only
10 includes those operations, approved by the board, that are rendered
11 or performed under the same conditions as operations exempt
12 under subdivision (b) of Section 1626.

13 (b) For purposes of this section, all of the following shall apply:

14 (1) "Final year student" means a student of dentistry in his or
15 her final year of completion at a dental school approved by the
16 board. "Final year student" also includes a dental student enrolled
17 in an advanced *dental* program.

18 (2) "Licensed dentist" means a dentist licensed pursuant to this
19 chapter.

20 (3) "*Patient*" means a dental patient or, in the case of a minor,
21 the patient's representative.

22 ~~(3)~~

23 (4) "Sponsored event" means an event, not to exceed 10 calendar
24 days, administered by a sponsoring entity or a local governmental
25 entity, or both, through which health care is provided to the public
26 without compensation, or expectation of compensation.

27 ~~(4)~~

28 (5) "*Sponsoring dental school*" means a dental school that
29 sanctions student and clinical faculty participation at a sponsored
30 event.

1 (6) "Sponsoring entity" means a nonprofit organization pursuant
2 to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a
3 community-based organization.

4 (c) The volunteer practice of dentistry by students pursuant to
5 this section shall comply with all of the following requirements:

6 (1) Each patient shall be sufficiently informed that a dental
7 student may be providing some of the treatment that he or she will
8 be receiving.

9 (2) Any information provided to the patient to give informed
10 consent shall offer the patient the option to decline to be treated
11 by the student.

12 (3) The volunteer practice of a student shall be supervised by
13 *clinical* faculty from the dental school in which the student is
14 enrolled.

15 (4) Each volunteer student shall wear an identification badge
16 that clearly identifies the student as a dental student. The
17 identification badge shall display the student's name, the name of
18 the student's dental school, and the name and the telephone number
19 of the Dental Board of California. That information shall be
20 displayed in 14-point font, at minimum.

21 ~~(5) Supervision ratios and student oversight shall be at least as~~
22 ~~stringent as required to meet the standards of the Commission on~~
23 ~~Dental Accreditation at each school's clinical department,~~
24 ~~laboratory, or dental extension program operated pursuant to~~
25 ~~subdivision (b) of Section 1626.~~

26 ~~(6)~~
27 (5) ~~Supervision ratios and student oversight shall be appropriate~~
28 ~~at least as stringent as the standards set for the procedure being~~
29 ~~performed by the student. student and the age of the patient, in~~
30 ~~accordance with the standards at the sponsoring dental school's~~
31 ~~clinical department, laboratory, or dental extension program~~
32 ~~operated pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 1626.~~

33 ~~(7)~~
34 (6) The student shall perform only those procedures in which
35 he or she is credentialed or those procedures he or she is permitted
36 to perform in the school's clinical department, laboratory, or dental
37 extension program operated pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section
38 1626.

39 (d) *The student or the student's sponsoring dental school shall*
40 *ensure liability insurance coverage is obtained that covers all*

1 *services provided by the student, including diagnosis, treatment,*
2 *and evaluation.*

3 ~~(d)~~

4 (e) The sponsoring entity of the sponsored event shall provide
5 the Dental Board of California with a list of the names of the
6 students practicing dentistry exempted by this section at the
7 sponsored event, the name of the school of enrollment of those
8 students, and the name and license number of the supervising
9 licensed dentist.

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