

HOUSE No. 2080

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Chris Walsh

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to denture construction safety.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Chris Walsh

Tom Sannicandro

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

6th Middlesex

7th Middlesex

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By Mr. Walsh of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2080) of Chris Walsh and Tom Sannicandro for legislation to establish a board of denture technology for the certification of denture laboratories. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3360 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to denture construction safety.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 13 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 21 the following section:-

3 As used in this section the following terms shall, unless the context clearly indicates
4 otherwise, have the following meanings:

5 "Board," the Denture Technology Board.

6 "Denture Laboratories," a place in which a person performs or offers to perform a
7 denture-related service.

8 "Denture-related service," shall refer to (A) the construction, assembly, processing,
9 production, repair, relining, or adjustment of a prosthetic or orthodontic dental appliance, a full

10 or partial denture, a fixed or removable dental bridge, a dental plate of false teeth, an artificial
11 restoration, or a substitute or corrective device for any part of the human teeth, gums, jaws, or
12 alveolar process; or (B) the fitting of a dental appliance, a denture, a bridge, a plate, false teeth,
13 an artificial restoration, or a substitute or corrective device for the human teeth, gums, or jaws to
14 or on a dental model, impression, or cast of any part of the human teeth, gums, jaws, or alveolar
15 process.

16 “Denture Technician,” any person who performs, offers to perform, or aids, abets, or
17 causes another to perform or offer to perform a denture-related service

18 Section 21A. There shall be a board of denture technology for the certification of denture
19 laboratories, consisting of 10 persons, each of whom shall be a legal resident of the
20 commonwealth, to be appointed by the governor, 6 of whom shall be licensed denturists, 2 shall
21 be reputable dentists who have maintained a license to practice dentistry in the commonwealth
22 for the 8 years next preceding his appointment, 2 of whom shall be representatives of the public,
23 subject to the provisions of section 9B. The governor shall appoint annually in April, for a term
24 of 5 years, a successor to those members of the board whose terms are expiring in that month. No
25 member shall serve more than 2 full terms. The council shall elect from its membership a
26 presiding officer. The members of the board shall not receive compensation for their service.

27 The board shall meet twice a year within the commonwealth and may meet at other times
28 at the call of the presiding officer of the board.

29 SECTION 2. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby further amended by inserting
30 after section 52C, the following section:-

31 Section 52C1/2. In conjunction with the board of denture technology, the department of
32 public health shall promulgate rules and regulations pertaining to the licensure of all persons
33 engaged in the business of construction of dentures to be worn as a substitute for natural teeth.
34 Included in the licensure requirements shall be health and safety standards regarding the
35 condition of the lab in which the dentures are created.