

SENATE No. 02209

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

An Act to increase the presence of dental hygienists on the board of registration in dentistry.

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. Section 19 of chapter 13 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by
2 striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: -
3 There shall be a board of registration in dentistry in the following 2 sections called the
4 board, consisting of 13 persons, each of whom shall be a legal resident of the commonwealth, to
5 be appointed by the governor; 6 of whom shall be graduates of a reputable dental college and be
6 reputable dentists who have maintained a license to practice dentistry in the commonwealth
7 dentistry in the commonwealth for the 8 years next preceding his appointment; 4 of whom shall
8 be a graduate of a reputable school of dental hygiene and a reputable dental hygienist who has
9 maintained a license to practice dental hygiene in the commonwealth for the 5 years next
10 preceding his appointment; 1 of whom shall be a dental assistant in the commonwealth for the 5
11 years next preceding his appointment; and 2 of whom shall be representatives of the public ,
12 subject to the provisions of section 9B. No more than 1 member of the board who is a dentist

13 may be a full time member of the faculty or a trustee of any institution engaged in educating
14 dentists or having power to confer degrees in dentistry. The governor shall appoint annually in
15 April, for a term of 5 years, a successor to those members of the board whose terms are expiring
16 in that month. No member shall serve more than 2 full terms.