

SENATE BILL 171

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-5-109, relative to public health dental hygienists and public health dental assistants.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-5-109(13), is amended by deleting the word "or" from the end of the sentence.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-5-109, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(15) The application of sealants to the teeth of individuals in a setting under the direction of a state or local health department by registered hygienists without requiring an exam by a dentist prior to such application or prophylaxis, under a protocol established by the state or a metropolitan health department; or

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-5-109, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(16) The application of topical fluoride and dental prophylaxis to the teeth of individuals in a setting under the direction of a state or local health department by registered hygienists, without requiring an exam by a dentist prior to such application or prophylaxis, under a protocol established by the state or a metropolitan health department.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective upon becoming law for the purposes of rule-making. For all other purposes it shall become effective on July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.