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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to amending the definition of the scope of practice of dentistry to authorize dentists who are adequately trained to perform any procedure in the oral and maxillofacial area

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 6601 of the education law, as amended by chapter 576 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

S 6601. Definition of practice of dentistry. 1. The practice of the profession of dentistry is defined as diagnosing, treating, operating, or prescribing for any disease, pain, injury, deformity, or physical condition of the oral and maxillofacial area related to restoring and maintaining dental health. The practice of dentistry includes the prescribing and fabrication of dental prostheses and appliances. The practice of dentistry may include performing physical evaluations in conjunction with the provision of dental treatment.

2. ANY ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEON AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, MAY PERFORM ANY ADDITIONAL SURGICAL PROCEDURE INVOLVING THE HARD OR SOFT TISSUES OF THE ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL AREA, PROVIDED THAT HE OR SHE HAS BEEN GRANTED HOSPITAL PRIVILEGES FOR SUCH SURGICAL PROCEDURES BY A HOSPITAL LICENSED BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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