§ 6605-a. Dental anesthesia certificate. 1. A licensed dentist shall not employ conscious sedation, deep sedation or general anesthesia in the practice of dentistry, at any location other than a general hospital, without a dental anesthesia certificate issued by the department.

2. The commissioner shall promulgate regulations, establishing standards and procedures for the issuance of certificates. Such standards shall require completion of an educational program and/or course of training or experience sufficient to ensure that a dentist is specifically trained in the use and administration of conscious sedation, deep sedation or general anesthesia and in the possible effects of such use, and in the recognition of and response to possible emergency situations. Such regulations may also establish standards and safeguards for the use of conscious sedation, deep sedation or general anesthesia.

3. Nothing in this section shall limit a dentist's use of local anesthesia, a dentist's use of nitrous oxide, or a dentist's use of any other substance or agent for a purpose other than achieving deep sedation, conscious sedation, or general anesthesia.

4. The fee for a dental anesthesia certificate shall be one hundred dollars and shall be paid on a triennial basis upon renewal of such certificate. A certificate may be suspended or revoked in the same manner as a license to practice dentistry.