

House Bill 1622

By: Representatives Jackson of the 148th, Smyre of the 136th, Murphy of the 18th, Walker of the 141st, Childers of the 13th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to licenses for the practice of dentistry, so as to change a conviction for practicing
3 dentistry without a license to a felony and to establish penalties for such conviction; to
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 licenses for the practice of dentistry, is amended by striking Code Section 43-11-50, relating
9 to the practice of dentistry without a license, and inserting in its place the following:

10 "43-11-50.

11 Any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity who practices dentistry in this
12 state without obtaining a license to practice from the board shall be guilty of a
13 ~~misdemeanor~~ felony and, upon conviction for the first such offense, a high and aggravated
14 ~~misdemeanor upon conviction for the second such offense, and a felony upon conviction~~
15 ~~for the third or subsequent such offense thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than~~
16 \$500.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment from two to five years, or both."

17 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.