

House Bill 430

By: Representatives Heckstall of the 48th, Post 3, Jackson of the 124th, Post 1, Roberts of the 135th, Sailor of the 61st, Post 1, Bunn of the 63rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 dentists and dental hygienists, so as to include within those acts which constitute the practice
3 of dentistry the making, fitting, or adjusting of any cap, prosthesis, or cosmetic covering for
4 a human tooth or teeth unless such cap, prosthesis, or cosmetic covering is ordered by and
5 returned to a licensed dentist; to authorize any local law enforcement officer to make arrests
6 of persons engaged in the practice of dentistry without a license; to provide for related
7 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dentists and
11 dental hygienists, is amended by striking paragraph (8) of Code Section 43-11-17, relating
12 to acts which constitute the practice of dentistry, and inserting in its place the following:

13 "(8) Diagnoses dental radiographs or makes radiographs except for use by a licensed
14 dentist or a licensed physician; ~~or~~

15 (9) Makes, fits, repairs, or adjusts any cap, covering, prosthesis, or cosmetic covering for
16 a human tooth or teeth unless such cosmetic covering, prosthesis, covering, or cap is
17 ordered by and returned to a licensed dentist; or

18 (10) By any means whatsoever makes it known, implies, or holds out to the public in any
19 fashion that such person will do any of the operations, procedures, or services set forth
20 in this subsection."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Said chapter is further amended by striking Code Section 43-11-50, relating to the practice
23 of dentistry without a license, and inserting in its place the following:

1 "43-11-50.
2 Any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity who practices dentistry in this
3 state without obtaining a license to practice from the board shall be guilty of a felony and,
4 upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$500.00 nor more than
5 \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment from two to five years, or both. Local law enforcement
6 agencies shall be authorized to make arrests pursuant to this Code section."

7 **SECTION 3.**

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