

House Bill 350

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 43-11-74 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 direct supervision of dental hygienists by a licensed dentist, so as to authorize dental  
3 hygienists to administer local anesthesia under direct supervision of a dentist; to provide for  
4 rules and regulations by the Georgia Board of Dentistry; to provide for related matters; to  
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 43-11-74 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to direct  
9 supervision of dental hygienists, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

10 "(a) ~~Dental~~ Licensed dental hygienists shall perform their duties only under the direct  
11 supervision of a licensed dentist. No licensed dental hygienist shall diagnose, prescribe,  
12 determine the initial dosage, or increase the initial dosage of nitrous oxide, practice  
13 dentistry, or do any kind of dental work other than to remove calcareous deposits,  
14 secretions, and stains from the surfaces of the teeth, to apply ordinary wash or washes of  
15 a soothing character, and to perform those acts, services, procedures, and practices which  
16 the board shall prescribe by rule or regulation. ~~The board shall not delegate to dental~~  
17 Licensed dental hygienists ~~the authority~~ shall be authorized to administer local anesthesia;  
18 ~~except that this restriction shall automatically expire July 1, 1992~~ under the direct  
19 supervision of a licensed dentist in accordance with conditions established by the board.  
20 The board shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this  
21 subsection."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.