

House Bill 1278

By: Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th, Greene of the 154th, Newton of the 127th, Schofield of the 63rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relative to dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants, so
3 as to improve efficiencies in the issuance of permits for dentists to administer conscious
4 sedation and general anesthesia; to provide for the evaluation and certification of a properly
5 equipped facility; to provide for demonstration of proficiency in administering sedative
6 techniques; to authorize the board to designate qualified personnel to perform certain
7 evaluations, certifications, and examinations; to provide for related matters; to repeal
8 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
12 general provisions relative to dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants, is amended
13 in Code Section 43-11-21, relating to conscious sedation, by revising subsections (b) and (c)
14 as follows:

15 "(b) No dentist shall be issued a permit under this Code section unless the board has
16 received satisfactory evidence that such dentist:

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- 17 (1) Has received formal training in the use of conscious sedation at an institution
 18 accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental
 19 Association (~~ADA~~), its successor agency, or other board approved organization and is
 20 certified by such organization as competent in the administration of pharmacologic agents
 21 for conscious sedation and the handling of emergencies relating to conscious sedation.
 22 Such certification shall specify the type, number of hours, and length of training. The
 23 minimum didactic hours, patient contact hours, and number of patients sedated under
 24 supervision shall be established by rule or regulation of the board;
- 25 (2) Utilizes a properly equipped facility for the administration of conscious sedation,
 26 including physical plant and equipment, which has been evaluated and certified by an
 27 ~~on-site examination~~ the board or any designee thereof; and
- 28 (3) Has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the board or any designee thereof proficiency
 29 in administering sedative techniques ~~in the dentist's office~~ on a patient or patients in a
 30 safe and effective manner.
- 31 (c) In enforcing the provisions of this Code section, the board is authorized to designate
 32 qualified persons to perform ~~the on-site~~ any evaluations, certifications, and examinations
 33 required or authorized by this Code section and is further authorized to provide by rule or
 34 regulation for standards for physical plant, equipment, and personnel to be utilized in the
 35 induction of conscious sedation."

36 SECTION 2.

37 Said article is further amended in Code Section 43-11-21.1, relating to general anesthesia,
 38 by revising subsections (b) and (c) as follows:

39 "(b) No dentist shall be issued a permit under this Code section nor have such permit
 40 renewed unless the board has received satisfactory evidence that such dentist:

- 41 (1)(A) Has successfully completed a minimum of one year of advanced training in
 42 anesthesiology and related academic subjects beyond the undergraduate dental school

43 level at an institution accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the
44 American Dental Association or its successor agency or by a nationally recognized
45 health care accreditation body for hospitals; or
46 (B) Is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, is a
47 member of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, or is a fellow
48 of the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology;
49 (2) Utilizes a properly equipped facility for the administration of general anesthesia,
50 including physical plant and equipment which has been evaluated and certified by ~~an~~
51 ~~on-site examination~~ the board or any designee thereof; and
52 (3) Has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the board or any designee thereof proficiency
53 in administering general anesthesia on a patient or patients ~~in the dentist's office~~ in a safe
54 and effective manner.
55 (c) In enforcing the provisions of this Code section, the board is authorized to designate
56 qualified persons to perform ~~the on-site~~ any evaluations, certifications, and examinations
57 required or authorized by this Code section and is further authorized to provide by rule or
58 regulation for standards for physical plant, equipment, and personnel to be utilized in the
59 administration of general anesthesia."

60 **SECTION 3.**

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