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CHAPTER 454.

AN ACT to create section 14101 of the statutes, providing for the examination and certification of dental hygienists, and regulating the practice of dental hygiene.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. A new section is added to the statutes to read: Section 14101. 1. No person shall engage in practice as a dental hygienist without a certificate therefor issued by the Wisconsin state board of dental examiners; which shall authorize such person to remove calcareous deposits, accretions and stain from the exposed surfaces of teeth, and to prescribe and apply any ordinary wash or washes of a soothing character, but not to perform any operation on the teeth or other tissues of the oral cavity.

2. Such certificates shall be issued upon written examinations conducted by and satisfactory to said board, which shall include the subjects of anatomy, histology, physiology, bacteriology, dental pathology, and preventive dentistry. The examinations shall also include practical demonstrations in dental hygiene. Any applicant shall be eligible to such an examination upon filing with the secretary of the board credentials proving, to the satisfaction of the board, that he has a general education equivalent at least to a two year course beyond that of the eighth grade of the elementary school and that he is a graduate of a reputable training school for dental hygienists having a course of not less than one year of eight months; provided, however, that the privilege of such examination is granted until July 1, 1922, to any person who shall have graduated from any reputable training school for dental hygienists, and until July 1, 1923, to any person who shall have served as an assistant in any dental office in this state for at least two years next prior to July 1, 1921, and who shall within two years next thereafter graduate from a reputable training school for dental hygienists. The state board of dental examiners shall by regulation determine what shall constitute a reputable training school for dental hygienists.

3. At the time of applying for such examination the applicant shall pay an examination fee of ten dollars. Any applicant failing to pass any such examination may be re-examined within one year

upon payment of an additional fee of one dollar. Any person to whom a certificate is issued by the board shall register with the secretary of the board and pay to him a registration fee of one dollar on or before the next succeeding first day of September, and annually thereafter.

4. Such certified dental hygienists may be employed by boards of education of public or private schools, county boards, boards of health, or public or charitable institutions, operating only under the general supervision of one or more licensed dentists, and may also be employed in any dental office, subject to such regulations as shall be prescribed by the state board of dental examiners in the enforcement of the provisions of this section. They shall not in any dental office exceed in number the number of licensed dentists operating therein; and they may also, under the direction and supervision of licensed dentists, act as assistant instructors in a school for the training of dental hygienists. Such certified dental hygienists shall not otherwise engage in practice as dental hygienists.

5. The state board of dental examiners may revoke the certificate of any dental hygienist for any violation of this section. The license of any dentist who shall permit any dental hygienist operating under his supervision to violate this section, shall be revoked in the manner prescribed in paragraph 4 of section 1410g of the statutes.

6. Whenever any other state, requiring a preliminary education of dental hygienists equal to that required in Wisconsin, shall grant to the dental hygienists of this state the reciprocal privilege of practicing as dental hygienists, the Wisconsin state board of dental examiners shall, upon payment of the fee prescribed in subsection 3, issue a certificate to any applicant who shall in lieu of examination furnish proof, to the satisfaction of the board, that he has been duly licensed and lawfully and reputably engaged in practice as a dental hygienist in such other state for at least two years next preceding such application.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved June 30, 1921.