WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
House Bill No. 4077

(By Delegates Perdue, Hatfield, Lawrence, Marshall, Moye, Poore, Staggers, Ferns, Ellington, J. Miller and Rowan)

Passed March 10, 2012
To Take Effect Ninety Days From Passage
AN ACT to amend §30-4-17 of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to activities that may be performed by a dental hygienist without a prior exam by a dentist; requiring a Public Health Practice permit; providing for the sealants to be placed pursuant to a collaborative agreement with a supervising dentist; and requiring a referral for a dental examination within six months.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §30-4-17 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 4. WEST VIRGINIA DENTAL PRACTICE ACT.

§30-4-17. Scope of practice; dental hygienist.

1 The practice of dental hygiene includes the following:
(1) Performing a complete prophylaxis, including the removal of any deposit, accretion or stain from the surface of a tooth or a restoration;

(2) Applying a medicinal agent to a tooth for a prophylactic purpose;

(3) Taking a dental X-ray;

(4) Instructing a patient on proper oral hygiene practice;

(5) Placing sealants on a patient’s teeth without a prior examination by a licensed dentist: Provided, That for this subdivision, the dental hygienist has a Public Health Practice permit issued by the West Virginia Board of Dental Examiners, and subject to a collaborative agreement with a supervising dentist and the patient is referred for a dental examination within six months of sealant application.

(6) Performing all delegated procedures of a dental hygienist specified by rule by the board; and

(7) Performing all delegated procedures of a dental assistant specified by rule by the board.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Originating in the House.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

The within day of  March , 2012.
PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

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