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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DENTISTRY.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that proper certification  
2 of dental assistants employed in the State is necessary to  
3 ensure the health, safety, and well-being of the State's  
4 citizens. Currently, Hawaii is one of only a handful of states  
5 that does not require certification of dental assistants. This  
6 lack of certification exposes the State's citizens to  
7 unnecessary risks whereas proper certification from a respected  
8 national board will help ensure that the State's citizens are  
9 receiving the best available care.

10       The legislature also finds that the Dental Assisting  
11 National Board, Inc., is a national certification board for  
12 dental assistants that currently certifies more than thirty-  
13 seven thousand dental assistants nationwide. Moreover, the  
14 Dental Assisting National Board's certified dental assistant  
15 certification program is accredited by the National Commission  
16 for Certifying Agencies.



1       Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require all  
2       dental assistants employed in the State to obtain and maintain  
3       certification as a certified dental assistant by the Dental  
4       Assisting National Board.

5       SECTION 2. Section 448-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6       amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

7       "(b) A duly licensed and registered dentist may employ  
8       auxiliary personnel, other than registered dental hygienists, to  
9       assist the dentist in the practice of dentistry. These  
10      employees shall be known as dental assistants and shall perform  
11      all duties assigned to them under the supervision, direction,  
12      and responsibility of the dentist. Duties of the dental  
13      assistant and regulatory directives shall be delineated under  
14      rules which the board of dental examiners may from time to time  
15      adopt[-]; provided that all dental assistants employed in the  
16      State prior to July 1, 2018, shall obtain and maintain  
17      certification as a certified dental assistant from the Dental  
18      Assisting National Board, Inc., no later than July 1, 2019, and  
19      all dental assistants employed in the State after July 1, 2018,  
20      shall obtain and maintain certification as a certified dental  
21      assistant from the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc., no



1 later than one hundred twenty days after the date of  
2 employment."

3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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# S.B. NO. 2926

**Report Title:**

Dental Assistants; Certification; Dental Assisting National Board

**Description:**

Requires all dental assistants to obtain certification from the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc., as certified dental assistants no later than July 1, 2019, or no later than one hundred twenty days after the date of employment.

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