

ACT 96

S. B. NO. 1127

A Bill for an Act Relating to Dental Assistants.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 448-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 448-3. Practice by unlicensed employee prohibited; penalty. Except as provided in section 447-3, no person who manages or conducts as manager, proprietor, conductor, or otherwise a place where dental operations are performed, shall employ any person as operator in dental surgery or as a practitioner, or cause to permit any person to so act, who is not duly licensed to practice dentistry; provided that nothing in this chapter shall prohibit any unlicensed person from performing merely mechanical work upon inert matter in a dental laboratory.

A duly licensed and registered dentist may employ auxiliary personnel, other than registered dental hygienists, to assist him in the practice of dentistry. Such employees shall be known as Dental Assistants and shall perform all duties assigned to them under the general supervision, direction and responsibility of the dentist. Duties of the Dental Assistant and regulatory directives shall be delineated under rules and regulations which the Board of Dental Examiners may from time to time adopt.

Any person violating this section shall be fined not more than \$100 for the first offense, and for the second offense, in addition to the fine, shall forfeit his license to practice dentistry.”

SECTION 2. Material to be added is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the underscoring.*

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 24, 1971.)

* Edited accordingly.