

1 SENATE BILL NO. 101

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING A BOARD OF DENTURITRY; ESTABLISHING BOARD
5 MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS; REMOVING A DENTURIST FROM THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY; REVISING
6 DEFINITION OF BOARD IN TITLE 37, CHAPTER 29, TO REFLECT THAT THE BOARD DUTIES ARE TO BE
7 PERFORMED BY THE BOARD OF DENTURITRY RATHER THAN THE BOARD OF DENTISTS; AND
8 AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-1732 AND 37-29-102, MCA."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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12 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Board of denturitry.** (1) There is a board of denturitry.

13 (2) The board consists of six members appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate.

14 (3) The members are four denturists and two members of the public. One of the public members shall
15 represent the interests of senior citizens. Each member who is a denturist must be licensed to practice in this
16 state, must have actively engaged in practice for at least 5 continuous years before being appointed to the board,
17 and must be actively engaged in practice while serving on the board. Board members must be residents of this
18 state.

19 (4) Each member shall serve a 4-year term. The terms must be staggered. The governor may remove
20 a member only for neglect or cause.

21 (5) The governor shall fill any vacancy within 30 days.

22 (6) The board is allocated to the department for administrative purposes only as prescribed in 2-15-121.

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24 **Section 2.** Section 2-15-1732, MCA, is amended to read:25 **"2-15-1732. Board of dentistry.** (1) There is a board of dentistry.

26 (2) The board consists of five dentists, ~~one denturist~~, two dental hygienists, and two public members,
27 one of whom must be a senior citizen. All members are appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate.
28 Each licensed member must be licensed to practice as a dentist, ~~denturist~~, or dental hygienist in this state, must
29 have actively practiced in this state for at least 5 continuous years immediately before the member's appointment,
30 and must be actively engaged in practice while serving on the board. Each member must be a resident of this

1 state.

2 (3) Each member shall serve for a term of 5 years. The governor may remove a member only for neglect
3 or cause.

4 (4) The governor shall fill any vacancy within 30 days.

5 (5) The board is allocated to the department for administrative purposes only as prescribed in 2-15-121."
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7 **Section 3.** Section 37-29-102, MCA, is amended to read:

8 **"37-29-102. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise, the following
9 definitions apply:

10 (1) "Board" means the state board of dentistry provided for in 2-15-1732 denturistry provided for in [section
11 1].

12 (2) "Denture" means any removable full or partial upper or lower prosthetic dental appliance to be worn
13 in the mouth.

14 (3) "Denturist" means a person licensed under this chapter to engage in the practice of denturistry.

15 (4) "Department" means the department of labor and industry provided for in Title 2, chapter 15, part 17.

16 (5) "Immediate denture" means a denture constructed prior to and inserted immediately after extraction
17 of teeth.

18 (6) "Practice of denturistry" means:

19 (a) the making, fitting, constructing, altering, reproducing, or repairing of a denture and furnishing or
20 supplying of a denture directly to a person or advising the use of a denture; or

21 (b) the taking or making or the giving of advice, assistance, or facilities respecting the taking or making
22 of any impression, bite, cast, or design preparatory to or for the purpose of making, constructing, fitting,
23 furnishing, supplying, altering, repairing, or reproducing a denture."
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25 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
26 integral part of Title 2, chapter 15, part 17, and the provisions of Title 2, chapter 15, part 17, apply to [section 1].
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