

## DENTAL AUXILIARY PERSONNEL

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### Background Materials and Research

**Topic Summary:** Section 37-4-408, MCA, defines dental auxiliary personnel as a person other than a licensed dental hygienist employed by a licensed dentist. The Board of Dentistry is empowered to make rules regarding the qualifications and duties of dental auxiliaries, within the parameters set by the Legislature. The Legislature has sought to increase the allowable responsibilities of dental auxiliaries during the past two sessions, successfully in 2019.

### Introduced Legislation

Please note: A status of "Chapter Number Assigned" means the bill was passed by the Legislature, approved by the governor, and became law.

#### **2021**

[House Bill No. 343](#) (Tabled in House Committee) -- AN ACT REVISING LAWS ALLOWING FOR THE PRACTICE OF TELEDENTISTRY; ADDING AND REVISING DEFINITIONS; CREATING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRACTICE OF TELEDENTISTRY; AND AMENDING SECTION 37-4-101, MCA.

[Senate Bill No. 281](#) (Indefinitely Postponed on Second Reading in Senate) -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE; REVISING THE DEFINITION OF "PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITY" TO INCLUDE CERTAIN OUTPATIENT MEDICAL SERVICE FACILITIES AND CERTAIN SCHOOLS; AND AMENDING SECTION 37-4-405, MCA.

#### **2019**

[Senate Bill No. 157](#) (Chapter Number Assigned) -- AN ACT REVISING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SUPERVISION OF DENTAL AUXILIARY PERSONNEL; PROVIDING FOR GENERAL SUPERVISION OF DENTAL

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AUXILIARY PERSONNEL BY DENTISTS; AMENDING SECTION 37-4-408, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

### **2017**

[Senate Bill No. 80](#) (Tabled in Senate Committee) -- AN ACT REVISING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SUPERVISION OF DENTAL AUXILIARY PERSONNEL; PROVIDING FOR GENERAL SUPERVISION OF DENTAL AUXILIARY PERSONNEL BY DENTISTS; PROVIDING PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A LICENSED DENTIST'S STAFF; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTION 37-4-408, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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