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DIVISION 2. HEALING ARTS [500 - 4999.129] (*Division 2 enacted by Stats. 1937, Ch. 399.*)

CHAPTER 4. Dentistry [1600 - 1976] (*Chapter 4 added by Stats. 1937, Ch. 415.*)

ARTICLE 3. Registration [1650 - 1657] (*Article 3 added by Stats. 1937, Ch. 415.*)

1650. Every person who is now or hereafter licensed to practice dentistry in this state shall register on forms prescribed by the board, his or her place of practice with the executive officer of the Dental Board of California, or, if he or she has more than one place of practice, all of the places of practice, or, if he or she has no place of practice, to so notify the executive officer of the board. A person licensed by the board shall register with the executive officer within 30 days after the date of his or her license.

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 426, Sec. 10. (SB 800) Effective January 1, 2016.)

1650.1. (a) Every applicant and licensee who has an electronic mail address shall report to the board that electronic mail address no later than July 1, 2016. The electronic mail address shall be considered confidential and not subject to public disclosure.

(b) The board shall annually send an electronic notice to each applicant and licensee that requests confirmation from the applicant or licensee that his or her electronic mail address is current.

(Added by Stats. 2015, Ch. 510, Sec. 12. (AB 179) Effective January 1, 2016.)

1651. Any dentist who removes his place of practice shall register each change made by him within one month after making said change. In the event any licensed dentist fails to notify the board of any change in the address of his place of practice within the time prescribed by this section, the board shall not renew such person's license until the penalty fixed by this chapter is paid. An applicant for renewal of a license to practice dentistry shall specify in his application whether he has changed the address of his place of practice, and if so, the date of such change, and the board may accept such statement as evidence of such fact.

(Amended by Stats. 1961, Ch. 947.)

1653. The secretary shall issue a certificate of registration for each licentiate hereunder and for each office registered by such licentiate. The license and certificate may be offered as primary evidence in all courts of the facts therein stated.

(Amended by Stats. 1939, Ch. 554.)

1654. Any licensed person who shall change his or her name according to law shall, within 10 days after that change, reregister with the executive officer of the board and the executive officer shall make a marginal note of the former name of the licentiate.

(Amended by Stats. 1984, Ch. 47, Sec. 10. Effective March 21, 1984.)

1655. Any failure on the part of any person holding such license to register it as directed for a period of six months after its issuance shall ipso facto work a forfeiture of his license, and it shall not be restored except upon the written application and payment to the board of the fee provided for restoration of license.

(Added by Stats. 1937, Ch. 415.)

1656. On and after January 1, 1985, every dentist licensed to practice dentistry in the state and any person working in a dentist's office who operates dental radiographic equipment shall meet at least one of the following requirements:

(a) Pass a course, approved by the board, in radiation safety which includes theory and clinical application in radiographic technique. The board shall require the courses to be taught by persons qualified in radiographic technique and shall adopt regulations specifying the qualifications for course instructors.

(b) Have passed a radiation safety examination conducted by the board prior to January 1, 1985.

1657. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Mobile dental unit" means a self-contained facility, which may include a trailer or van, in which dentistry is practiced that may be moved, towed, or transported from one location to another.

(2) "Portable dental unit" means a self-contained unit housing equipment used for providing dental treatment that is transported to, and used on a temporary basis at, nondental office locations.

(b) A mobile dental unit, or a dental practice that routinely uses portable dental units to provide treatment in nondental office locations, shall be registered and operated in accordance with regulations established by the board. These regulations shall not be designed to prevent or lessen competition in service areas. The regulations shall require the registrant to identify a licensed dentist responsible for the mobile dental unit or portable practice, and shall include, but shall not be limited to, requirements for availability of followup and emergency care, maintenance and availability of provider and patient records, and treatment information to be provided to patients and other appropriate parties. A mobile dental unit, or a dental practice using portable dental units, registered and operated in accordance with the board's regulations and that has paid the fees established by the board, including a mobile dental unit registered for the purpose specified in subdivision (e), shall otherwise be exempt from this article and Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 1658).

(c) A mobile service unit, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 1765.105 of the Health and Safety Code, and a mobile dental unit or portable dental unit operated by an entity that is exempt from licensure pursuant to subdivision (b), (c), or (h) of Section 1206 of the Health and Safety Code, are exempt from this article and Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 1658). Notwithstanding this exemption, the owner or operator of the mobile unit shall notify the board within 60 days of the date on which dental services are first delivered in the mobile unit, or the date on which the mobile unit's application pursuant to Section 1765.130 of the Health and Safety Code is approved, whichever is earlier.

(d) A licensee practicing in a mobile unit described in subdivision (c) is not subject to subdivision (b) as to that mobile unit.

(e) Notwithstanding Section 1625, a licensed dentist shall be permitted to operate a mobile dental unit provided by his or her property and casualty insurer as a temporary substitute site for the practice registered by him or her pursuant to Section 1650 as long as both of the following apply:

(1) The licensed dentist's registered place of practice has been rendered and remains unusable due to loss or calamity.

(2) The licensee's insurer registers the mobile dental unit with the board in compliance with subdivision (b).