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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 3.5. Additional Offices [1658 - 1658.8] (*Article 3.5 added by Stats. 1961, Ch. 947.)*

1658. (a) (1) When a licensee desires to have more than one place of practice, the licensee shall, prior to the opening of the additional office, apply to the board, pay the fee required by this chapter, and receive permission in writing from the board to have the additional place of practice.

(2) "Place of practice" means any dental office where any act of dentistry is practiced as defined by Section 1625, and includes a place of practice in which the applicant holds any proprietary interest of any nature whatsoever, or in which the licensee holds any right to participate in the management or control thereof. A dentist who is the lessor of a dental office shall not be deemed to hold a proprietary interest in that place of practice, unless the dentist is entitled to participate in the management or control of the dentistry practiced there.

(b) This section shall not apply to a licensee who practices dentistry outside the licensee's registered place of practice in any of the following places:

- (1) Facilities licensed by the State Department of Public Health.
- (2) Licensed health facilities as defined in Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code.
- (3) Clinics that are licensed under subdivision (a) of Section 1204 of, or that are exempt from licensure under subdivision (b), (c), or (h) of Section 1206 of, the Health and Safety Code.
- (4) Licensed community care facilities as defined in Section 1502 of the Health and Safety Code.
- (5) Schools of any grade level, whether public or private.
- (6) Public institutions, including, but not limited to, federal, state, and local penal and correctional facilities.
- (7) Mobile units that are operated by a public or governmental agency or a nonprofit or charitable organization and are approved by the board, provided that the mobile units meet all statutory or regulatory requirements.
- (8) The home of a nonambulatory patient when a physician or registered nurse has provided a written note that the patient is unable to visit a dental office.

(Amended by Stats. 2019, Ch. 865, Sec. 40. (AB 1519) Effective January 1, 2020.)

1658.1. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a licensed dentist from maintaining more than one dental office in this state if all of the following conditions are met:

- (a) In addition to any existing legal responsibility or liability, a dentist maintaining more than one office shall assume legal responsibility and liability for the dental services rendered in each of the offices maintained by the dentist.
- (b) A dentist maintaining more than one office shall ensure that each office is in compliance with the supervision requirements of this chapter.
- (c) A dentist maintaining more than one office shall post, in an area which is likely to be seen by all patients who use the facility, a sign with the dentist's name, mailing address, telephone number, and dental license number.

(Repealed and added by Stats. 2000, Ch. 224, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 2001.)

1658.2. (a) "Additional place of practice," as used in this article, means any place of practice that increases the number of places of practice of the applicant, and includes an additional office that the applicant proposes to originally establish, either individually or in association with another, as well as an established place of practice that the applicant acquires or proposes to acquire, in whole or in part, by purchase, repossession, reassignment, gift, devise, bequest, or operation of law, except as otherwise provided in this article.

(b) A practice location described in subdivision (b) of Section 1658 does not constitute an additional place of practice.

(Amended by Stats. 2004, Ch. 347, Sec. 4. Effective January 1, 2005.)

1658.3. Nothing in this article shall limit or authorize the board to limit the number of additional places of practice authorized by the board, which are in operation on October 1, 1961, and which conform to the provisions of this article, nor prevent or limit a licensee from acquiring from his parent, by sale, transfer, assignment, gift, succession, bequest, or operation of law, whether heretofore or hereafter made, prior to January 1, 1968 or the effective date of the amendments to this section enacted by the Legislature at the 1967 Regular Session, whichever date occurs later, and from operating any additional office or offices of his parent so acquired.

(Amended by Stats. 1967, Ch. 1402.)

1658.4. The transfer after October 1, 1961, of any additional office from one licensee to another, other than as authorized by this article, shall terminate the privilege of operating such additional office.

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

1658.5. The transfer of the location of one additional office to a new location within the same county shall not be considered the establishment of a new additional office.

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

1658.6. Failure to comply with the provisions of this article relating to the operation of additional offices shall be a ground for the suspension or revocation of the permission granted by the board to operate such additional office.

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

1658.7. The board shall have the power to carry out the provisions of this article by uniform rules and regulations.

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

1658.8. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a licensed dentist may 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, if both of the following requirements are met:

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

(b) The licensee's insurer registers the unit with the board in compliance with Section 1657.

(Added by Stats. 2004, Ch. 464, Sec. 4. Effective January 1, 2005.)