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**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE - BPC**

**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 8. Dental Corporations [1800 - 1808]** ( *Article 8 added by Stats. 1968, Ch. 1375.*  )

**1800.** A dental corporation is a corporation that is authorized to render professional services, as defined in Sections 13401 and 13401.5 of the Corporations Code, if that corporation, its shareholders, officers, directors, and employees rendering professional services who are dentists, physicians and surgeons, dental assistants, registered dental assistants, registered dental assistants in extended functions, registered dental hygienists, registered dental hygienists in extended functions, or registered dental hygienists in alternative practice are in compliance with the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation Act (Part 4 (commencing with Section 13400) of Division 3 of Title 1 of the Corporations Code), this article, and other statutes, rules, and regulations applicable to a dental corporation and the conduct of its affairs. Subject to all applicable statutes, rules, and regulations, a dental corporation is entitled to practice dentistry. With respect to a dental corporation, the governmental agency referred to in the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation Act is the Dental Board of California.

(Amended by Stats. 2003, Ch. 549, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2004.)

**1804.** Notwithstanding subdivision (i) of Section 1680 and paragraph (7) of subdivision (a) of Section 1701, the name of a dental corporation and any name or names under which it may be rendering professional services shall include the words "dental corporation" or wording or abbreviations denoting corporate existence.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 66. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)

**1805.** Except as provided in Sections 13401.5 and 13403 of the Corporations Code, each director, shareholder, and officer of a dental corporation shall be a licensed person as defined in the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation Act.

(Amended by Stats. 2003, Ch. 549, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 2004.)

**1806.** The income of a dental corporation attributable to professional services rendered while a shareholder is a disqualified person (as defined in the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation Act) shall not in any manner accrue to the benefit of that shareholder or his or her shares in the dental corporation.

(Amended by Stats. 1997, Ch. 168, Sec. 6. Effective January 1, 1998.)

**1807.** A dental corporation shall not do or fail to do any act the doing of which or the failure to do which would constitute unprofessional conduct under any statute, rule or regulation now or hereafter in effect. In the conduct of its practice, it shall observe and be bound by such statutes, rules and regulations to the same extent as a person holding a license under Section 1634 of this code. The board shall have the same powers of suspension, revocation and discipline against a dental corporation as are now or hereafter authorized by Section 1670 of this code, or by any other similar statute against individual licensees, provided, however, that proceedings against a dental corporation shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and the board shall have all the powers granted therein.

(Added by Stats. 1968, Ch. 1375.)

**1808.** The board may formulate and enforce rules and regulations to carry out the purposes and objectives of this article and the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation Act, including rules and regulations requiring (a) that the articles of incorporation or bylaws of a dental corporation shall include a provision whereby the capital stock of that corporation owned by a disqualified person (as defined in the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation Act), or a deceased person, shall be sold to the corporation or to the remaining shareholders of that corporation within the time as the rules and regulations may provide, and (b) that a dental corporation

shall provide adequate security by insurance or otherwise for claims against it by its patients arising out of the rendering of professional services.

*(Amended by Stats. 1997, Ch. 168, Sec. 7. Effective January 1, 1998.)*