

Assembly Bill No. 2145

CHAPTER 157

An act to amend Section 1315 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health facilities.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2145, Davies. Dental services: long-term health care facilities.

Existing law generally requires the State Department of Public Health to license, inspect, and regulate health facilities, including long-term health care facilities, as defined. Existing law authorizes dental services, as defined under the Dental Practice Act, to be provided in health facilities by persons licensed by the Dental Board of California. The Dental Practice Act provides for the licensing, regulation, and discipline of, among others, registered dental hygienists in alternative practice.

This bill would provide that a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice may provide dental hygiene services to a patient in a long-term care facility, as defined. The bill would also authorize a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice to provide oral health inservice training to staff in a long-term health care facility.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1315 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

1315. (a) Dental services, as defined in the Dental Practice Act, may be provided to a patient in a health facility licensed under this chapter. Those services shall be provided by a person licensed by the State of California pursuant to Section 1611 of the Business and Professions Code.

(b) (1) Dental hygiene services, as defined in the Dental Practice Act, may be provided to a patient in a long-term health care facility, as defined in Section 1418, that is licensed under this chapter, by a person licensed by the State of California as a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice pursuant to Section 1922 of the Business and Professions Code, practicing in accordance with those provisions.

(2) A person licensed as a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice by the State of California pursuant to Section 1922 of the Business and Professions Code, practicing in accordance with those provisions, may provide oral health inservice training to staff in a long-term health care facility licensed under this chapter.

(c) This section shall not limit or restrict the right of a licensed physician and surgeon to perform any acts authorized under the Medical Practice Act.

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