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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE "DENTAL PRACTICE ACT".

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

Sunset Process - Senate Health and Human Services Committee. The bill makes changes to the "Dental Practice Act" (act) by:

- Continuing the act for 9 years, until 2034;
- Updating and adding definitions;
- Changing the makeup of the Colorado dental board (board);
- Requiring the attorney general, in addition to counseling the board, to counsel and advise the board's consultants;

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Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. <u>Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.</u>

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- Adding and updating the grounds for which the board may take disciplinary action against an applicant for licensure or a licensee;
- Allowing a licensee's submission to a mental or physical examination to satisfy the requirement to notify the board of a condition that would impair the licensee's ability to practice;
- Adding as exemptions to the act the volunteer practice of dentistry and dental hygiene under specific conditions;
- Repealing the exceptions that allow a dental therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant to perform certain dentistry practices and including additional tasks to the list of items included in the practice of dentistry;
- Clarifying that a dental assistant, dental hygienist, and dental therapist may perform tasks consistent with rules adopted by the board;
- Requiring providers who perform itinerant surgery to develop and maintain protocols for emergency follow-up care;
- Authorizing licensed dentists to prescribe orders electronically;
- Requiring a peer health assistance program selected as a designated provider for the dentist peer health assistance program to provide training and calibration to dentists who practice monitoring services;
- Authorizing dentists to self-refer to participate in a peer health assistance program or be referred by the board;
- Requiring an applicant for dental, dental hygienist, or dental therapy licensure to pass a jurisprudence examination that tests the applicant's knowledge of the act;
- Removing a requirement that dental education schools and programs must be accredited or approved by a specific entity;
- Requiring the board to adopt rules that allow for expedited, temporary licensure during a public health emergency;
- Repealing specific tasks that are currently authorized to be performed by a dental therapist;
- Updating procedures for the construction of dental devices by an unlicensed technician;
- Updating the list of practices that are considered to be the practice of unsupervised dental hygiene;
- Repealing the specific dosages of certain drugs that a dental hygienist may prescribe;
- Authorizing the board to adopt rules that identify safe prescribing alternatives to silver diamine fluoride as a

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- treatment for strengthening teeth and preventing tooth decay;
- Identifying tasks that are deemed to be practicing supervised dental hygiene;
- Requiring a dental hygienist performing an interim therapeutic restoration to confirm a referral for follow-up care with a dentist;
- Limiting the number of dental hygienists that a dentist may supervise; and
- Authorizing a dental therapist to perform specific tasks.
- 1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-104, amend
- (1), (4), (9)(a), and (10)(a); add (5.2), (10.5), and (14.5); and add with
- 4 amended and relocated provisions (5.3) as follows:
- 5 **12-220-104. Definitions rules.** As used in this article 220, unless
- 6 the context otherwise requires:
- 7 (1) "Accredited" means a program that is nationally recognized for
- 8 specialized accrediting for dental, dental therapy, dental hygiene, and
- 9 dental auxiliary programs by THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL
- 10 ACCREDITATION OR A SPECIALTY ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION
- 11 RECOGNIZED BY the United States department of education OR BY A
- 12 SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION OF THE **COMMISSION**.
- 13 (4) "Dental hygiene" means the delivery of preventive,
- educational, and clinical services supporting total health for the control
- of oral disease; THE IMPACT OF THE DISEASE, DISORDER, OR CONDITION ON
- 16 THE HUMAN BODY; and the promotion of oral health provided by a dental
- 17 hygienist within the scope of the dental hygienist's education, training,
- and experience and in accordance with applicable law.
- 19 (5.2) "DENTAL HYGIENE LABORATORY WORK ORDER" MEANS THE
- 20 DOCUMENTED ORDER OF A DENTAL HYGIENIST LICENSED IN THIS STATE

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1	AUTHORIZING ANOTHER PERSON TO CONSTRUCT, REPRODUCE, OR REPAIR
2	AN ORAL MEDICAMENT CARRIER.
3	(5.3) [Formerly 12-220-104 (11)] "DENTAL laboratory work
4	order" means the written instructions DOCUMENTED ORDER of a dentist
5	licensed in Colorado authorizing another person to construct, reproduce,
6	or repair any prosthetic denture, bridge, appliance, or other structure to
7	function in the oral cavity, maxillofacial area, or adjacent and associated
8	regions.
9	(9) (a) (I) "Indirect supervision" means the supervision of those
10	tasks or procedures that do not require the presence of the dentist in the
11	office or on the premises at the time the tasks or procedures are being
12	performed but do require that the tasks be performed with the prior
13	knowledge and consent of the dentist.
14	(II) FOR PROCEDURES PERFORMED UNDER INDIRECT SUPERVISION,
15	IF FOLLOW-UP CARE IS INDICATED, THE TREATING PROVIDER SHALL
16	PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE REFERRAL FOR RECOMMENDED FOLLOW-UP
17	<u>CARE.</u>
18	$(\underline{\mathrm{III}})$ A DENTIST WHO PROVIDES INDIRECT SUPERVISION MUST HAVE
19	AN ACTIVE COLORADO LICENSE IN GOOD STANDING.
20	(10) (a) "Interim therapeutic restoration" or "ITR" means a direct
21	provisional restoration placed to stabilize a tooth until a licensed dentist
22	$\label{lem:condition} \text{ORDENTALTHERAPISTcanassesstheneedforfurtherdefinitivetreatment.}$
23	(10.5) "Itinerant surgery" means the provision of
24	ELECTIVE SURGICAL PROCEDURES BY A PROVIDER WHO TRAVELS BETWEEN
25	MULTIPLE TREATMENT FACILITIES RATHER THAN OPERATING FROM A
26	SINGLE, ESTABLISHED SURGICAL LOCATION WHERE THE PROVIDER IS NOT
27	EMPLOYED OR DOES NOT HOLD OWNERSHIP OR A LONG-TERM LEASE.

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1	"ITINERANT SURGERY" INCLUDES SPECIALTY-LEVEL SURGICAL CARE
2	PERFORMED IN A FACILITY BY A PROVIDER WHO IS NOT A GRADUATE OF AN
3	ACCREDITED SURGICAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THAT SPECIALTY.
4	(14.5) "TELEDENTISTRY" MEANS TELEHEALTH METHODOLOGIES
5	AND SYSTEMS THAT ARE USED IN A MANNER THAT IS COMPLIANT WITH THE
6	FEDERAL "HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
7	OF 1996", 42 U.S.C. SECS. 1320d TO 1320d-9, AS AMENDED, TO DELIVER
8	ORAL HEALTH SERVICES IN DENTISTRY, INCLUDING INFORMATIONAL AND
9	ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES, REMOTE MONITORING
10	TECHNOLOGIES, AND STORE-AND-FORWARD TRANSFERS, TO FACILITATE
11	THE ASSESSMENT, DIAGNOSIS, CONSULTATION, COUNSELING, AND
12	EDUCATION OF, OR TREATMENT PLANNING FOR, A PATIENT WHILE THE
13	PATIENT IS LOCATED AT AN ORIGINATING SITE WITHOUT A DENTAL
14	PRACTITIONER, AND THE DENTAL PRACTITIONER PROVIDING THE SERVICE
15	IS AT A DISTANT SITE.
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17	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-105, amend
18	(1)(b)(II)(A) and (5) as follows:
19	12-220-105. Colorado dental board - qualifications of board
20	members - quorum - panel - rules - review of functions - repeal of
21	article - repeal. (1) (b) (II) (A) Effective July 1, 2031, the board consists
22	of seven dentist members, two ONE OF WHOM IS AN ORAL AND
23	MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEON UNLESS AN ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL
24	SURGEON IS NOT AVAILABLE; ONE dental therapist members, two MEMBER;
25	THREE dental hygienist members; and two members from the public at
26	large; EXCEPT THAT THE DENTAL THERAPIST SEAT SHALL REMAIN OPEN
27	AND A DENTAL THERAPIST MEMBER SHALL NOT BE APPOINTED UNTIL

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1	THERE ARE AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED DENTAL THERAPISTS ACTIVELY
2	ENGAGED IN CLINICAL PRACTICE IN THIS STATE. The governor shall
3	appoint each member for a term of four years, and each member must
4	have the qualifications provided in this article 220. A member shall not
5	serve more than two consecutive terms of four years. Each board member
6	holds office until the member's term expires or until the governor
7	appoints a successor.
8	(5) $\frac{1}{2}$ This article 220 is repealed, effective September 1,
9	2034. Before the repeal, of this article 220 pursuant to subsection (5)(b)
10	of this section, all functions of the board are scheduled for review in
11	accordance with section 24-34-104.
12	(b) This article 220 is repealed, effective September 1, 2025.
13	SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-106, amend
14	(1)(a) introductory portion and (2); and add (1)(a)(VI) and (1)(a)(VII) as
15	follows:
16	12-220-106. Powers and duties of board - rules - limitation on
17	authority. (1) The board shall exercise, in accordance with this article
18	220, the following powers and duties:
19	(a) Make ADOPT, publish, declare, and periodically review
20	reasonable rules pursuant to section 12-20-204, including rules regarding:
21	(VI) REQUIREMENTS FOR JURISPRUDENCE EDUCATION PRIOR TO
22	<u>INITIAL LICENSURE;</u>
23	(VII) Definitions for the terms "in good standing" and
24	"PATIENT REPRESENTATIVE" FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 220;
25	(2) The board may recognize those dental specialties defined by
26	the American Dental Association NATIONAL COMMISSION ON
27	RECOGNITION OF DENTAL SPECIALTIES AND CERTIFYING BOARDS OR THE

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1	UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.
2	SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 12-220-108
3	as follows:
4	12-220-108. Attorney general shall represent board and
5	members. (1) The attorney general of the state of Colorado shall counsel
6	with and advise the board in connection with its THE BOARD'S duties
7	and responsibilities under DESCRIBED IN this article 220. If litigation is
8	brought against the board or any of its individual members in
9	connection with actions taken by the board or any of its members under
10	this article 220 and the actions are free of malice, fraud, or willful neglect
11	of duty, the attorney general shall defend the litigation without cost to the
12	board or to any individual member of the board.
13	(2) A WITNESS OR CONSULTANT APPEARING OR TESTIFYING BEFORE
14	THE BOARD, OR PROVIDING EXPERT CONSULTATION TO THE BOARD, HAS
15	THE SAME IMMUNITY AND IS SUBJECT TO THE SAME CONDITIONS FOR
16	IMMUNITY AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 12-20-402.
17	SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-201, amend
18	(1)(n), (1)(s), (1)(ii), and (1)(oo); and add (1)(qq) and (1)(rr) as follows:
19	12-220-201. Grounds for disciplinary action - definition.
20	(1) The board may take disciplinary action against an applicant or
21	licensee in accordance with sections <u>12-20-404</u> and 12-220-202 for any
22	of the following causes:
23	(n) Refusing to make patient records available to a patient,
24	PATIENT REPRESENTATIVE, OR PREVIOUS OR CURRENT TREATMENT
25	PROVIDER WITHIN SEVEN CALENDAR DAYS AFTER A WRITTEN REQUEST
26	pursuant to a written authorization request under section 25-1-802;
27	(s) Failing to furnish unlicensed persons with DENTAL laboratory

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1	work orders pursuant to section 12-220-502;
2	(ii) Advertising or otherwise holding oneself out to the public as
3	practicing a dental specialty in which the dentist has not successfully
4	completed the education specified for the dental specialty as defined by
5	the American Dental Association NATIONAL COMMISSION ON
6	RECOGNITION OF DENTAL SPECIALTIES AND CERTIFYING BOARDS OR THE
7	UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION;
8	(oo) Failing to comply with sections 12-220-501 (1)(a)(II)(C) and
9	$\frac{12-220-503}{(1)(g)}$ SECTION 12-220-503 (1)(g) and rules adopted pursuant
10	to those sections THAT SECTION regarding the application of silver
11	diamine fluoride; or
12	(qq) Practicing outside the scope of an articulated plan
13	DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-220-503 (1)(g)(V) OR
14	12-220-508 (1)(b), (1)(c)(VII), OR (2); OR
15	(rr) The failure of the provider performing itinerant
16	SURGERY TO PROVIDE NECESSARY FOLLOW-UP CARE, INCLUDING THE
17	FAILURE TO PROVIDE A POST-PROCEDURE CARE PLAN OUTLINING
18	FOLLOW-UP CARE IN A FACILITY OR TO BE PERFORMED BY A LICENSED
19	SURGICAL SPECIALIST WHO IS LOCATED WITHIN A REASONABLE DISTANCE
20	FROM THE OFFICE WHERE THE INITIAL CARE WAS PROVIDED IF THE
21	ORIGINAL ITINERANT CARE PROVIDER IS UNAVAILABLE TO PROVIDE THE
22	NECESSARY FOLLOW-UP CARE. THE POST-PROCEDURE CARE PLAN SHALL
23	NOT IDENTIFY AN URGENT CARE CENTER OR A HOSPITAL EMERGENCY
24	DEPARTMENT AS THE PROVIDER OR THE TREATMENT FACILITY FOR
25	FOLLOW-UP CARE.
26	SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-206, add (4)
27	and (5) as follows:

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1	12-220-206. Mental and physical examinations. (4) A
2	LICENSEE'S VOLUNTARY SUBMISSION TO A MENTAL OR PHYSICAL
3	EXAMINATION AND COMPLETION OF ANY REQUIREMENTS GIVEN BY THE
4	QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD SATISFIES ANY
5	REQUIREMENT TO NOTIFY THE BOARD OF A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH
6	CONDITION THAT MAY IMPACT THE LICENSEE'S ABILITY TO PRACTICE WITH
7	REASONABLE SKILL AND SAFETY PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-30-108 (1),
8	12-220-201 (1)(j)(I), OR 12-220-310 (3), UNLESS THE QUALIFIED
9	PROFESSIONAL NOTIFIES THE LICENSEE THAT THE LICENSEE MUST NOTIFY
10	THE BOARD OF THE CONDITION.
11	(5) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN SECTION
12	12-30-108 (1), 12-220-201 (1)(j)(I), OR 12-220-310 (3) BEGIN UPON
13	DISCHARGE OF A LICENSEE ENROLLED IN INPATIENT TREATMENT FOR A
14	SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH OR PHYSICAL CONDITION.
15	SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-302, amend
16	(1)(b), $(1)(f)$, $(1)(g)$, and $(1)(j)$; and add $(1)(k)$ and $(1)(l)$ as follows:
17	12-220-302. Persons exempt from operation of this article.
18	(1) This article 220 does not apply to the following practices, acts, and
19	operations:
20	(b) The administration of an anesthetic FOR A DENTAL OPERATION
21	by a qualified anesthetist LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 240 OF THIS
22	TITLE 12 or registered A nurse for a dental operation LICENSED OR
23	REGISTERED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 255 OF THIS TITLE 12;
24	(f) The practice of dentistry, dental therapy, or dental hygiene by
25	dentists, dental therapists, or dental hygienists licensed in good standing
26	by other states or countries while appearing in ACCREDITED OR
27	BOARD-APPROVED programs of dental education or research, at the

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invitation of any group of licensed dentists, dental therapists, or dental hygienists in this state who are in good standing, so long as the practice is limited to five consecutive days in a twelve-month period and the name of each person engaging in the practice is submitted to the board, in writing and on a form A FORMAT approved by the board, at least ten days before the person performs the practice;

- (g) The filling of DENTAL laboratory work orders of a licensed dentist, as provided by section 12-220-502, by any person, association, corporation, or other entity for the construction, reproduction, or repair of prosthetic dentures, bridges, plates, or appliances to be used or worn as substitutes for natural teeth or for restoration of natural teeth, or replacement of structures relating to the jaws, maxillofacial area, or adjacent and associated structures;
- (j) The practice of dentistry dental therapy, or dental hygiene by dentists dental therapists, or dental hygienists licensed in good standing by other states while providing care as a volunteer, at the invitation of any group of licensed dentists, dental therapists, or dental hygienists in this state who are in good standing, so long as the practice is limited to five consecutive days in a twelve-month period and the name of each person engaging in the practice is submitted to the board, in writing and on a form A FORMAT approved by the board, at least ten days before the person performs the practice;
- (k) THE PRACTICE OF DENTAL THERAPY BY DENTAL THERAPISTS
 LICENSED IN GOOD STANDING BY OTHER STATES WHILE PROVIDING CARE
 AS A VOLUNTEER, AT THE INVITATION OF ANY GROUP OF LICENSED
 DENTISTS, DENTAL THERAPISTS, OR DENTAL HYGIENISTS IN THIS STATE
 WHO ARE IN GOOD STANDING, SO LONG AS THE PRACTICE IS LIMITED TO

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1	FIVE CONSECUTIVE DAYS IN A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD AND THE NAME OF
2	EACH PERSON ENGAGING IN THE PRACTICE IS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD,
3	IN A FORMAT APPROVED BY THE BOARD, AT LEAST TEN DAYS BEFORE THE
4	PERSON PERFORMS THE PRACTICE, AND THE DENTAL THERAPISTS TREAT
5	PATIENTS ONLY UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED DENTIST IN
6	COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 12-220-508; OR
7	(1) THE PRACTICE OF DENTAL HYGIENE BY DENTAL HYGIENISTS
8	LICENSED IN GOOD STANDING BY OTHER STATES WHILE PROVIDING CARE
9	AS A VOLUNTEER, AT THE INVITATION OF ANY GROUP OF LICENSED
10	DENTISTS, DENTAL THERAPISTS, OR DENTAL HYGIENISTS IN THIS STATE
11	WHO ARE IN GOOD STANDING, SO LONG AS THE PRACTICE IS LIMITED TO
12	FIVE CONSECUTIVE DAYS IN A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD AND THE NAME OF
13	EACH PERSON ENGAGING IN THE PRACTICE IS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD,
14	IN A FORMAT APPROVED BY THE BOARD, AT LEAST TEN DAYS BEFORE THE
15	PERSON PERFORMS THE PRACTICE, AND THE DENTAL HYGIENISTS TREAT
16	PATIENTS ONLY UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED DENTIST.
17	SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-303, amend
18	(2)(a) and (3)(d) as follows:
19	12-220-303. Ownership of dental or dental hygiene practice -
20	information to be posted - heir to serve as temporary proprietor -
21	limitations - definitions. (2) (a) The name, license number, ownership
22	percentage, and other information, as required by the board, of each
23	proprietor of a dental or dental hygiene practice, including an unlicensed
24	heir who is the temporary proprietor of the practice, as specified in
25	subsection (3) of this section, must be IMMEDIATELY AND PUBLICLY
26	available at the reception desk of the dental or dental hygiene practice
27	during the practice's hours of operation. The information required by this

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1	subsection (2)(a) must be available in a format approved by the board.
2	(3) (d) The temporary proprietorship of a dental or dental hygiene
3	practice by an unlicensed heir does MUST not affect the exercise of the
4	independent professional judgment of the licensed dentist or dental
5	hygienist providing care to patients on behalf of the practice.
6	SECTION 9. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-304, amend
7	(3) as follows:
8	12-220-304. Names and status under which dental practice
9	may be conducted. (3) The practice of dentistry, dental therapy, or
10	dental hygiene by a PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION, limited
11	liability company of licensees, or by a limited liability partnership of
12	licensees is permitted subject to the limitations and requirements, insofar
13	as are applicable, set forth in section 12-240-138 relating to a
14	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION, limited liability company, or
15	limited liability partnership for the practice of medicine.
16	SECTION 10. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-305, amend
17	(1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(c), (1)(d), (1)(j), (1)(k), (1)(l), (1)(m), (1)(n), (1)(p)
18	(1)(q), (1)(r), and (2); and add (1)(s), (1)(t), (1)(u), and (3) as follows:
19	12-220-305. What constitutes practicing dentistry - rules
20	(1) A person is practicing dentistry if the person:
21	(a) Performs or attempts or professes to perform any dental
22	operation, oral surgery, or dental diagnostic or therapeutic services of any
23	kind; except that nothing in this subsection (1)(a) prohibits a dental
24	therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant from providing preventive
25	dental or nutritional counseling, education, or instruction services;
26	(b) Is a proprietor of a place where dental operation, oral surgery,
27	or dental diagnostic or therapeutic services are performed; except that

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nothing in this subsection (1)(b) prohibits a dental therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant from performing those tasks and procedures consistent with section 12-220-501;

- (c) Directly or indirectly, by any means or method, takes A PHYSICAL OR DIGITAL impression OR SCAN of the human tooth, teeth, jaws, maxillofacial area, or adjacent and associated structures; performs any phase of any operation incident to the replacement of a part of a tooth; or supplies artificial substitutes for the natural teeth, jaws, or adjacent and associated structures; except that nothing in this subsection (1)(c) prohibits a dental therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant from performing tasks and procedures consistent with sections 12-220-501 (3)(b)(HI), 12-220-503 (1)(d), and 12-220-508;
- (d) Furnishes, supplies, constructs, reproduces, or repairs any A prosthetic denture, bridge, appliance, or other structure to be worn in the human mouth or upon the jaws, maxillofacial area, or adjacent and associated structures other than on the written DENTAL laboratory work order of a duly licensed and practicing dentist;
- (j) Extracts or attempts to extract human teeth or corrects, or attempts to correct, malformations of human teeth or jaws; except that this subsection (1)(j) does not prohibit a dental therapist from performing tasks and procedures consistent with section 12-220-508;
- (k) Repairs or fills cavities in human teeth; except that this subsection (1)(k) does not prohibit a dental therapist from performing tasks and procedures consistent with section 12-220-508;
- (l) Prescribes ionizing radiation or the use of an X ray for the purpose of taking dental X rays; or roentgenograms; except that nothing in this subsection (1)(l) prohibits these procedures from being delegated

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1	to appropriately trained personnel in accordance with this article 220 and
2	rules of the board;
3	(m) Gives or professes to give interpretations or readings of dental
4	X rays, or roentgenograms, CT scans, or other diagnostic methodologies;
5	except that nothing in this subsection (1)(m) prohibits a dental hygienist
6	from performing tasks and procedures consistent with sections
7	12-220-503 and 12-220-504 or a dental therapist from performing tasks
8	consistent with section 12-220-508;
9	(n) Represents himself or herself THEMSELF to an individual or the
10	general public as practicing dentistry by using the words "dentist" or
11	"dental surgeon" or by using the letters "D.D.S.", "D.M.D.",
12	"D.D.S./M.D.", or "D.M.D./M.D."; Nothing in this subsection (1)(n)
13	prohibits a dental therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant from
14	performing tasks and procedures consistent with section 12-220-501 (2),
15	(2.5), or (3)(b).
16	(p) Prescribes drugs or medications and administers local
17	anesthesia, analgesia including nitrous oxide/oxygen inhalation,
18	medication prescribed or administered for the relief of anxiety or
19	apprehension, minimal sedation, moderate sedation, deep sedation, or
20	general anesthesia as necessary for the proper practice of dentistry; except
21	that nothing in this subsection (1)(p) prohibits:
22	(I) A dental hygienist from performing those tasks and procedures
23	consistent with sections 12-220-501, 12-220-503 (1)(e) and (1)(g), and
24	12-220-504 (1)(c), and in accordance with rules promulgated by the
25	board; or
26	(II) A dental therapist from performing those tasks and procedures
27	consistent with sections 12-220-501 (2.5) and 12-220-508 and in

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accordance with rules promulgated by the board.
(q) Prescribes, induces, and sets dosage levels for inhalation
anesthesia; except that nothing in this subsection (1)(q) prohibits the
delegation of monitoring and administration to DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND
appropriately trained UNLICENSED personnel in accordance with this
article 220 and rules of the board, INCLUDING REQUIRING TRAINING;
(r) Gives or professes to give interpretations or readings of dental
charts or records or gives treatment plans or interpretations of treatment
plans derived from examinations, patient records, OR dental X rays; or
roentgenograms; except that nothing in this subsection (1)(r) prohibits a
dental therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant from performing
tasks and procedures consistent with sections 12-220-501 (2), (2.5) and
(3), 12-220-503, 12-220-504, and 12-220-508;
(s) MAINTAINS PATIENT CLINICAL RECORDS, DENTAL CHARTS,
IMAGES, TREATMENT PLANS, INTERPRETATIONS, OR OTHER
DOCUMENTATION, EXCEPT WHEN UNDERGOING A TRANSITION IN PRACTICE
OWNERSHIP AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 12-220-303 (2);
(t) (I) PURSUANT TO RULES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD, ORDERS AND
ADMINISTERS IMMUNIZATIONS TO PATIENTS SIX YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.
THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES REGARDING DELEGATION OF
IMMUNIZATION ADMINISTRATION BY A LICENSED DENTIST TO A DENTAL
THERAPIST OR DENTAL HYGIENIST AND MAY ADOPT RULES SPECIFYING THE
MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTISTS TO ADMINISTER

IMMUNIZATIONS.

25 <u>(II) A DENTIST WHO ADMINISTERS IMMUNIZATIONS SHALL:</u>

(A) NOT PROVIDE MEDICAL OR NONMEDICAL EXEMPTIONS FOR ANY REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS;

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1	(B) ENTER ALL IMMUNIZATION-RELATED ADMINISTRATION
2	INFORMATION INTO THE COLORADO IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM
3	CREATED PURSUANT TO PART 24 OF ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 25;
4	(C) DISCLOSE THEIR MEDICAL TRAINING RELATED TO PEDIATRIC
5	ADMINISTRATION, INCLUDING THE ABILITY TO MANAGE SIDE EFFECTS OR
6	ADVERSE OUTCOMES, TO PATIENTS AS PART OF THE PATIENT CONSENT
7	PROCESS;
8	(D) ADMINISTER ONLY RESPIRATORY AND ORAL HEALTH,
9	INCLUDING HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS, IMMUNIZATIONS; AND
10	(E) DISTRIBUTE IMMUNIZATION EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND
11	RECOMMENDATIONS DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
12	AND ENVIRONMENT TO THEIR PATIENTS.
13	(u) Orders and administers neuromodulators and dermal
14	FILLERS TO DENTAL PATIENTS OF RECORD FOR THERAPEUTIC AND
15	COSMETIC PURPOSES PURSUANT TO RULES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD
16	REGARDING REQUIRED TRAINING, ONGOING COMPETENCY, RECORD
17	KEEPING, AND DELEGATION TO DENTAL HYGIENISTS.
18	(2) A licensed dentist may prescribe orders electronically. THIS
19	SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT:
20	(a) A DENTAL ASSISTANT FROM PERFORMING TASKS AND
21	PROCEDURES CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 12-220-501 AND IN ACCORDANCE
22	WITH RULES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD;
23	(b) A DENTAL HYGIENIST FROM PERFORMING TASKS AND
24	PROCEDURES CONSISTENT WITH SECTIONS 12-220-501, 12-220-503, AND
25	12-220-504 AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD;
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27	(c) A DENTAL THEDADIST FROM DEDECORMING TASKS AND

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1	PROCEDURES CONSISTENT WITH SECTIONS 12-220-501 AND 12-220-508
2	AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.
3	(3) A PROVIDER PERFORMING ITINERANT SURGERY SHALL DEVELOP
4	AND MAINTAIN A WRITTEN PROTOCOL FOR EMERGENCY FOLLOW-UP CARE
5	WITH APPROPRIATELY TRAINED PRACTITIONERS FOR ALL PATIENTS
6	TREATED. THE PLAN SHALL BE PROVIDED TO EACH PATIENT UNDERGOING
7	TREATMENT AND MUST BE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY AT THE REQUEST OF
8	THE BOARD. THE WRITTEN PROTOCOL MUST INCLUDE A PROVISION THAT
9	REQUIRES THE PROVIDER TO INCLUDE IN A PLAN OF CARE FOLLOW-UP
10	TREATMENT IN A PERMANENTLY ESTABLISHED TREATMENT FACILITY
11	WITHIN A REASONABLE PROXIMITY OF THE LOCATION WHERE ITINERANT
12	SURGICAL TREATMENT WAS PERFORMED. THIS FOLLOW-UP TREATMENT
13	SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE ITINERANT SURGICAL TREATMENT OPERATOR
14	OR AN APPROPRIATELY TRAINED PRACTITIONER WHO HAS AGREED IN
15	WRITING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EMERGENCY FOLLOW-UP CARE PLAN FOR
16	THE ITINERANT SURGICAL TREATMENT OPERATOR. THE APPROPRIATELY
17	TRAINED PRACTITIONER MUST BE AVAILABLE WHEN THE ITINERANT
18	SURGICAL OPERATOR IS NOT AVAILABLE.
19	SECTION 11. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-306, amend
20	(1)(a)(III) and $(1)(b)$; and add (3) and (4) as follows:
21	12-220-306. Dentists may prescribe drugs - surgical operations
22	- anesthesia - limits on prescriptions - rules. (1) (a) A licensed dentist
23	is authorized to:
24	(III) Administer, pursuant to A PERMIT REQUIRED BY SECTION
25	12-220-411 AND PURSUANT TO board rules, local anesthesia, analgesia
26	including nitrous oxide/oxygen inhalation, medication prescribed or
27	administered for the relief of anxiety or apprehension, minimal sedation,

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1	moderate sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia; and
2	(b) A dentist shall not prescribe, distribute, or give to any person,
3	including the dentist THEMSELF, any habit-forming drug or any controlled
4	substance, as defined in section 18-18-102 (5) or as contained in schedule
5	II of 21 U.S.C. sec. 812, other than in the course of legitimate dental
6	practice and pursuant to the rules promulgated ADOPTED by the board
7	regarding controlled substance record keeping AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH
8	THE ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AS REQUIRED
9	BY SECTION 12-30-111.
10	(3) A LICENSED DENTIST MAY PRESCRIBE ORDERS
11	ELECTRONICALLY.
12	(4) A LICENSED DENTIST IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO PURCHASE
13	OR UTILIZE AN ELECTRONIC HEALTH PRODUCT THAT INCLUDES
14	INTEGRATION OF A TOOL THAT FACILITATES DENTISTS' COMPLIANCE WITH
15	PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING STANDARDS REQUIRED BY SECTION
16	12-30-114 (1)(a)(IV).
17	SECTION 12. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-310, amend
18	(1)(a), (1)(b) introductory portion, (1)(b)(IV), (2)(b), and (5); and add
19	(2)(d) as follows:
20	12-220-310. Dentist peer health assistance program - fees -
21	rules. (1) (a) Effective July 1, 2004, as a condition of renewal in this
22	state, every AN APPLICANT FOR A DENTIST LICENSE OR A dentist applying
23	to renew OR REINSTATE the dentist's license must, AT THE TIME OF
24	APPLICATION, pay to the administering entity that has been selected by the
25	board pursuant to subsection (1)(b) of this section an amount A FEE not to
26	exceed fifty-nine dollars per year, which maximum amount may be
27	adjusted on January 1, 2005, and annually thereafter by the board to

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reflect changes in the United States department of labor, LABOR'S bureau of labor statistics consumer price index, OR A SUCCESSOR INDEX, for Denver-Aurora-Lakewood for all urban consumers or goods. or its successor index. The fee shall be used to support designated providers that have been selected by the board to provide assistance to dentists needing help in dealing with physical, emotional, or psychological problems that may be detrimental to their ability to practice dentistry. The fee shall MUST not exceed one hundred dollars per year per licensee.

- (b) The board shall select one or more peer health assistance programs as designated providers. The Board or the Department Must Provide Public Notice when a Peer Health assistance program is Being Considered for Selection as a Designated Provider and SHALL PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR STAKEHOLDERS AND THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE INPUT TO THE BOARD REGARDING THE SELECTION OF A DESIGNATED PROVIDER. To be eligible for designation by the board, a peer health assistance program must:
- (IV) Monitor the status of a dentist who has been referred for treatment, INCLUDING PROVIDING TRAINING ___ TO DENTISTS PROVIDING PRACTICE MONITORING SERVICES;
- (2) (b) Notwithstanding sections 12-220-201 and 24-4-104, the board may immediately suspend the license of any A dentist who is referred to a peer health assistance program by the board and who fails to attend or complete the program. If the dentist objects to the suspension, the dentist may submit a written request to the board, IN A FORMAT APPROVED BY THE BOARD, for a formal hearing on the suspension within ten days after receiving notice of the suspension, and the board shall grant the request. In the hearing, the dentist bears the burden of proving that the

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1	dentist's license should not be suspended.
2	(d) A DENTIST MAY SELF-REFER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PEER
3	HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR MAY BE REFERRED BY THE BOARD. A
4	DENTIST WHO SELF-REFERS TO THE PEER HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
5	MAY DO SO CONFIDENTIALLY AND WITHOUT DIRECT NOTIFICATION TO THE
6	BOARD. SUCH SELF-REFERRAL TO THE PEER HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
7	SATISFIES BOARD NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SECTION
8	12-220-207 AND SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT THE PEER
9	HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SHALL REPORT KNOWLEDGE OF A
10	DENTIST'S VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE 220 OR RULES OF THE BOARD.
11	EXCLUDING KNOWLEDGE OF VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 12-220-201 (1)(e) OR
12	(1)(f).
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14	(5) The board is authorized to promulgate MAY ADOPT rules
15	necessary to implement this section.
16	SECTION 13. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-402, amend
17	(1)(a) as follows:
18	12-220-402. Dentist academic license. (1) (a) A dentist who is
19	employed at an accredited school or college of dentistry in this state and
20	who practices dentistry in the course of the dentist's employment
21	responsibilities must either make written FILE AN application to the board
22	for an academic license in accordance with this section, IN A FORMAT
23	APPROVED BY THE BOARD, or otherwise become licensed pursuant to
24	sections 12-220-401 and 12-220-403, as applicable.
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26	SECTION 14. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-405, amend
27	(1)(a) introductory portion as follows:

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1	12-220-405. Application for dental hygienist license - fee.
2	(1) Every person who desires to qualify for practice as a dental hygienist
3	within this state must file with the board:
4	(a) A written AN application for a license, IN A FORMAT APPROVED
5	BY THE BOARD, on which application the applicant shall list:
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7	SECTION 15. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-407.2,
8	amend (1)(a) introductory portion and (1)(b) as follows:
9	12-220-407.2. Application for dental therapist license - fee -
10	rules. (1) Effective May 1, 2023, every person who desires to qualify for
11	practice as a dental therapist within this state must file with the board:
12	(a) A written AN application for a license, IN A FORMAT APPROVED
13	BY THE BOARD, on which application the applicant must list:
14	(b) Satisfactory proof that the applicant:
15	(I) Graduated from a school of dental therapy that, at the time of
16	the applicant's graduation, was accredited; by the American Dental
17	Association's commission on dental accreditation or its successor
18	organization; or
19	(II) Graduated from a dental therapy education program developed
20	prior to February 6, 2015, that, at the time of the applicant's graduation,
21	was accredited RECOGNIZED by the Minnesota board of dentistry or
22	certified by the Alaska community health aide program certification
23	board.
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25	SECTION <u>16.</u> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-409, add (6)
26	as follows:
27	12-220-409. Inactive dental, dental therapist, or dental

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1	hygienist license - rules. (6) The board shall adopt rules that
2	ALLOW EXPEDITED, TEMPORARY LICENSURE DURING A DISASTER
3	EMERGENCY DECLARED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-704 (4) FOR A
4	<u>DENTIST,</u> DENTAL HYGIENIST, OR DENTAL THERAPIST WHO HAS
5	MAINTAINED A LICENSE IN GOOD STANDING WITH NO PAST DISCIPLINARY
6	HISTORY PRIOR TO OBTAINING AN INACTIVE LICENSE. THE RULES MUST
7	ADDRESS:
8	(a) SUPERVISION OR PRACTICE MONITORING REQUIREMENTS;
9	(b) LIABILITY COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS;
10	(c) OTHER CONDITIONS OF OR LIMITATION ON PRACTICE; AND
11	(d) TEMPORARY LICENSE TERMS, ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS,
12	TIMELINES, AND RENEWAL OPTIONS.
13	SECTION <u>17.</u> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-410, add (7)
14	as follows:
15	12-220-410. Retired dental, dental therapist, and dental
16	hygienist licenses - rules. (7) The board shall adopt rules that
17	ALLOW EXPEDITED, TEMPORARY LICENSURE DURING A DISASTER
18	EMERGENCY DECLARED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-704 (4) FOR A
19	<u>DENTIST</u> , DENTAL HYGIENIST, OR DENTAL THERAPIST WHO HAS
20	MAINTAINED A LICENSE IN GOOD STANDING WITH NO PAST DISCIPLINARY
21	HISTORY PRIOR TO OBTAINING AN INACTIVE LICENSE. THE RULES MUST
22	ADDRESS:
23	(a) SUPERVISION OR PRACTICE MONITORING REQUIREMENTS;
24	(b) LIABILITY COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS;
25	(c) OTHER CONDITIONS OF OR LIMITATION ON PRACTICE; AND
26	(d) TEMPORARY LICENSE TERMS, ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS,
27	TIMELINES, AND RENEWAL OPTIONS.

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1	SECTION 18. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-411, amend
2	(1) and (5)(a) as follows:
3	12-220-411. Anesthesia and sedation permits - dentists, dental
4	therapists, and dental hygienists - training and experience
5	requirements - office inspections - rules. (1) (a) Upon application in a
6	form and manner determined by the board and payment of the applicable
7	fees established by the board, the board may issue an anesthesia or
8	sedation permit to a licensed dentist or a local anesthesia permit to a
9	dental therapist or dental hygienist in accordance with this section.
10	(b) The board shall design and implement an expedited
11	APPLICATION AND PERMITTING PROCESS FOR A DENTIST WHO HAS
12	COMPLETED AN ACCREDITED RESIDENCY PROGRAM IN GENERAL
13	ANESTHESIA OR A POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES
14	COMPREHENSIVE AND APPROPRIATE TRAINING NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER
15	AND MANAGE MODERATE SEDATION OR DEEP SEDATION AND GENERAL
16	ANESTHESIA ACCORDING TO INDUSTRY-ACCEPTED STANDARDS.
17	(5) The board shall establish, by rule, criteria and procedures for
18	an office inspection program to be completed upon application and
19	renewal of anesthesia or sedation permits, which must include:
20	(a) Designation of qualified ANESTHESIA inspectors who are
21	experts in dental outpatient deep sedation/general anesthesia and
22	moderate sedation; HAVE MORE THAN FIVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
23	PROVIDING ANESTHESIA SERVICES AND HOLD AN ACTIVE ANESTHESIA
24	PERMIT TO PROVIDE EITHER DENTAL OUTPATIENT DEEP
25	SEDATION/GENERAL ANESTHESIA OR MODERATE SEDATION. AN
26	ANESTHESIA INSPECTOR WHO HOLDS AN ACTIVE ANESTHESIA PERMIT TO
27	PROVIDE MODERATE SEDATION MAY ONLY PROVIDE OFFICE ANESTHESIA

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1	INSPECTIONS FOR PROVIDERS WHO REQUEST MODERATE SEDATION
2	PRIVILEGES FOR BOTH INITIAL AND RENEWAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS. AN
3	ANESTHESIA INSPECTOR WHO HOLDS AN ACTIVE ANESTHESIA PERMIT TO
4	PROVIDE DEEP SEDATION/GENERAL ANESTHESIA MAY PROVIDE OFFICE
5	ANESTHESIA INSPECTIONS FOR ANY LEVEL OF SEDATION FOR BOTH INITIAL
6	AND RENEWAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS. AN ANESTHESIA INSPECTOR SHALL
7	COMPLETE AN ANESTHESIA INSPECTOR CALIBRATION PROGRAM CREATED
8	AND UPDATED BY THE BOARD ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS. THE ANESTHESIA
9	INSPECTOR RECERTIFICATION MAY BE COMPLETED IN CONJUNCTION WITH
10	AN ANESTHESIA PERMIT RENEWAL.
11	SECTION 19. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-412, amend
12	(1) as follows:
13	12-220-412. Change of address - duplicate licenses and
14	certificates. (1) Every A person licensed under this article 220, upon
15	changing the licensee's place of business OR CONTACT INFORMATION, shall
16	furnish to the board the licensee's new mailing address AND EMAIL
17	ADDRESS within thirty days after the change.
18	SECTION 20. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-501, amend
19	(1)(a), (3)(a)(VI), (3)(b) introductory portion, and (3)(b)(III); and repeal
20	(2) as follows:
21	12-220-501. Tasks authorized to be performed by dental
22	therapists, dental hygienists, or dental assistants - rules.
23	(1) (a) (I) Except as provided in subsection (1)(a)(II) of this section, The
24	responsibility for dental diagnosis, dental treatment planning, or the
25	prescription of therapeutic measures in the practice of dentistry remains
26	with a licensed dentist and may not be assigned to any A dental therapist,
27	or dental hygienist, OR DENTAL ASSISTANT.

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1	(II) A dental hygienist may:
2	(A) Perform dental hygiene assessment, dental hygiene diagnosis,
3	and dental hygiene treatment planning for dental hygiene services
4	pursuant to section 12-220-503 (1)(f);
5	(B) Identify dental abnormalities for immediate referral to a
6	dentist as described in section 12-220-503 (1)(f); and
7	(C) In collaboration with a licensed dentist, prescribe, administer,
8	and dispense, as described in section 12-220-503 (1)(g): Fluoride,
9	fluoride varnish, silver diamine fluoride, antimicrobial solutions for
10	mouth rinsing, other nonsystemic antimicrobial agents, and resorbable
11	antimicrobial agents pursuant to rules of the board.
12	(D) Repealed.
13	(2) Except as provided in subsection (1) of this section, a dental
14	hygienist may perform any dental task or procedure assigned to the
15	hygienist by a licensed dentist that does not require the professional skill
16	of a licensed dentist; except that the dental hygienist may perform the task
17	or procedure only under the indirect supervision of a licensed dentist or
18	as authorized in sections 12-220-503 and 12-220-504.
19	(3) (a) A dental assistant shall not perform the following tasks:
20	(VI) Scaling (supra and sub-gingival); as it pertains to the practice
21	of dental hygiene;
22	(b) A dental assistant may perform the following tasks under the
23	indirect supervision of a licensed dentist OR THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF
24	A LICENSED DENTAL THERAPIST OR A LICENSED DENTAL HYGIENIST:
25	(III) Gathering and assembling information, including but not
26	limited to fact-finding and patient history, oral inspection, and
27	RECORDING OF dental and periodontal charting AS DICTATED BY A

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SECTION <u>21.</u> In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 12-220-502
 as follows:

12-220-502. Construction of dental devices by unlicensed technician. (1) (a) A licensed dentist who uses the services of an unlicensed technician for the purpose of constructing, altering, repairing, or duplicating any denture, bridge, splint, or orthodontic or prosthetic appliance A LABORATORY-FABRICATED INTRAORAL OR MAXILLOFACIAL DENTAL PROSTHESIS, PRODUCT, OR APPLIANCE shall furnish the unlicensed technician with a written or electronic DENTAL laboratory work order in a form approved by THAT COMPLIES WITH RULES OF the board, which form shall be dated and signed by the dentist for each separate and individual piece of work. The dentist shall make the DENTAL laboratory work order in a reproducible DOCUMENTED form, and the dentist and the unlicensed technician shall each retain a copy in a permanent file for two years AS A PERMANENT PART OF THE PATIENT RECORD. THE LABORATORY TECHNICIAN SHALL RETAIN A COPY OF THE DENTAL LABORATORY WORK ORDER IN A FILE FOR A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS. The permanent files of the licensed dentist and the unlicensed technician must be open to inspection at any reasonable time by the board or its duly constituted agent. The licensed dentist that furnishes the DENTAL laboratory work order must have appropriate training, education, and experience related to the prescribed treatment and is responsible for directly supervising all intraoral treatment rendered to the patient.

(b) IF A PATIENT'S CARE REQUIRES THAT MULTIPLE LABORATORY-FABRICATED INTRAORAL OR MAXILLOFACIAL DENTAL PROSTHESES OR APPLIANCES BE FABRICATED AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS

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1	PERMISSIBLE TO INCORPORATE THOSE PRODUCTS OR APPLIANCES INTO A
2	SINGLE DENTAL LABORATORY WORK ORDER.
3	(b) (c) An unlicensed technician that possesses a valid DENTAL
4	laboratory work order may provide extraoral construction, manufacture,
5	fabrication, supply, or repair of identified dental and orthodontic devices
6	but shall not provide intraoral service in a human mouth except under the
7	direct supervision of a licensed dentist in accordance with section
8	12-220-501 (3)(d).
9	(2) If the dentist fails to keep permanent records of DENTAL
10	laboratory work orders as required in subsection (1)(a) of this section, the
11	dentist is subject to disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the
12	board.
13	(3) If an unlicensed technician fails to have in the technician's
14	possession a DENTAL laboratory work order signed by a licensed dentist
15	with each denture, bridge, splint, or orthodontic or prosthetic appliance
16	in the technician's possession, the absence of the DENTAL laboratory work
17	order is prima facie evidence of a violation of this section and constitutes
18	the practice of dentistry without an active license in violation of, and
19	subject to the penalties specified in, section 12-220-211.
20	SECTION 22. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-503, amend
21	(1) introductory portion, (1)(d)(II), (1)(d)(IV), (1)(d)(V), (1)(f), (1)(g)(I), (1)(g)(IV), (1)(g)(I
22	(1)(g)(III)(A), (1)(g)(III)(B), (1)(g)(III)(C), (1)(g)(IV) introductory
23	portion, (2), and (4); repeal (1)(g)(II)(A); and add (1)(d)(VI), (1)(e.5),
24	(1)(g)(V), and $(1)(h)$ as follows:
25	12-220-503. What constitutes practicing unsupervised dental
26	hygiene - rules. (1) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this
27	SECTION, unless licensed to practice dentistry, a person AN INDIVIDUAL is

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1	deemed to be practicing unsupervised dental hygiene when the person
2	INDIVIDUAL, within the scope of the person's INDIVIDUAL'S education,
3	training, and experience:
4	(d) Gathers and assembles information, including but not limited
5	to:
6	(II) Preparation Provision of study casts for the purpose of
7	fabricating a permanent record of the patient's present condition; as a
8	visual aid for patient education, dental hygiene diagnosis, and dental
9	hygiene treatment planning; and to provide assistance during forensic
10	examination OR DIGITAL SCANS;
11	(IV) Dental CHARTING and periodontal PROBING AND charting; and
12	(V) Radiographic and X-ray survey for the purpose of assessing
13	and diagnosing dental hygiene-related conditions for treatment planning
14	for dental hygiene services as described in this section and identifying
15	dental HARD AND SOFT TISSUE abnormalities for immediate referral to a
16	dentist OR APPROPRIATE SPECIALIST; AND
17	(VI) ADDITIONAL SCREENING OR SCREENING TESTS FOR FURTHER
18	INVESTIGATION OF ANY ORAL OR SYSTEMIC HEALTH-RELATED <u>CONCERN</u>
19	PERTINENT TO THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR DENTAL HYGIENE; AND
20	(e.5) Administers local anesthesia in compliance with
21	SECTION 12-220-411 AND RULES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD, INCLUDING
22	MINIMUM EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR LOCAL
23	ANESTHESIA ADMINISTRATION;
24	(f) Performs dental hygiene assessment, dental hygiene diagnosis,
25	and dental hygiene treatment planning FOR HARD AND SOFT TISSUE for
26	dental hygiene services as described in this section and identifies dental
27	abnormalities for immediate referral to a dentist OR APPROPRIATE

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(g) (I) Prescribes, administers, and dispenses fluoride, fluoride
varnish, silver diamine fluoride FLUORIDES in accordance with subsection
(1)(g)(IV) of this section, antimicrobial solutions for mouth rinsing, other
nonsystemic antimicrobial agents, and related emergency drugs and
reversal agents. in collaboration with a licensed dentist. The board, by
rule, may further define the permissible and appropriate emergency drugs
and reversal agents. An articulated plan with a collaborating dentist for
dental hygiene prescribing must describe any protocols, restrictions or
limitations, follow-up and referral mechanisms, notification and
disclosure requirements, and any other requirements established by the
board by rule. Dental hygienists shall maintain clear documentation in the
patient record of the drug or agent prescribed, administered, or dispensed;
the date of the action; and the rationale for prescribing, administering, or
dispensing the drug or agent.

- (II) A dental hygienist shall not prescribe, administer, or dispense the following:
- (A) Drugs whose primary effect is systemic, with the exception of fluoride supplements permitted under subsection (1)(g)(III)(A) of this section; and
- 21 (III) A dental hygienist may prescribe the following:
- 22 (A) Fluoride supplements; as follows, all using sodium fluoride: 23 Tablets: 0.5 mg, 1.1 mg, or 2.2 mg; lozenges: 2.21 mg; and drops: 1.1 24 mL;
 - (B) Topical anti-caries treatments, as follows, all using sodium fluoride unless otherwise indicated: Toothpastes: 1.1% or less (or stannous fluoride 0.4%); topical gels: 1.1% or less (or stannous fluoride

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1 0.4%); oral rinses: 0.05%, 0.2%, 0.44%, or 0.5%; oral rinse concentrate 2 used in periodontal disease: 0.63% stannous fluoride; fluoride varnish: 3 5%; silver diamine fluoride: 38%; and prophy pastes containing 4 approximately 1.23% sodium fluoride and used for polishing procedures 5 as part of professional dental prophylaxis treatment INCLUDING SODIUM 6 FLUORIDE, STANNOUS FLUORIDE, SILVER DIAMINE FLUORIDE, OTHER 7 SILVER FLUORIDES, HYDROXYAPATITE REGENERATION MEDICAMENTS 8 <u>USED FOR REPAIRING CAVITIES, AND ALTERNATIVES FOR STRENGTHENING</u> 9 TEETH AND PREVENTING AND ARRESTING TOOTH DECAY. THE BOARD MAY 10 ADOPT RULES THAT IDENTIFY SAFE PRESCRIBING ALTERNATIVES TO SILVER 11 DIAMINE FLUORIDE AS A TREATMENT FOR STRENGTHENING TEETH AND 12 PREVENTING TOOTH DECAY. 13 (C) Topical anti-infectives, as follows: Chlorhexidine gluconate 14 rinses: 0.12%; chlorhexidine gluconate periodontal chips for subgingival 15 insertion into a periodontal pocket/sulcus; tetracycline impregnated fibers, 16

rinses: 0.12%; chlorhexidine gluconate periodontal chips for subgingival insertion into a periodontal pocket/sulcus; tetracycline impregnated fibers, inserted subgingivally into a periodontal pocket/sulcus; doxycycline hyclate periodontal gel, inserted subgingivally into a periodontal pocket/sulcus; and minocycline hydrochloride periodontal powder, inserted subgingivally into a periodontal pocket/sulcus including chlorhexidine gluconate rinse, periodontal chips, periodontal Gels, Periodontal Powders, and impregnated fibers for periodontal powders, and impregnated fibers for periodontal reatment; and

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(IV) A dental hygienist may prescribe and apply silver diamine fluoride AND OTHER SILVER FLUORIDES upon completion of a postsecondary course or continuing education course developed at the postsecondary level that satisfies the requirements established by the board and provides instructions on the use and limitations of applying

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1	silver diamine fluoride. A dental hygienist may complete the course
2	described in this subsection (1)(g)(IV) through:
3	(V) A DENTAL HYGIENIST MAY PRESCRIBE, DISPENSE, AND
4	ADMINISTER NONNARCOTIC ANALGESICS, ANTI-INFLAMMATORIES, AND
5	ANTIBIOTICS WITHIN THE PARAMETERS OF A WRITTEN ARTICULATED PLAN.
6	WITH THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE SUPERVISING DENTIST, AND UPON
7	COMPLETION OF A POSTSECONDARY COURSE OR CONTINUING EDUCATION
8	COURSE DEVELOPED AT THE POSTSECONDARY LEVEL THAT SATISFIES THE
9	REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD AND THAT PROVIDES
10	INSTRUCTION ON THE USE AND LIMITATIONS OF NONNARCOTIC
11	ANALGESICS, ANTI-INFLAMMATORIES, AND ANTIBIOTICS.
12	(h) DIRECTS DENTAL ASSISTANTS TO ASSIST IN ACTIVITIES THAT
13	ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR A DENTAL HYGIENIST UNDER
14	DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A DENTAL HYGIENIST ONLY; EXCEPT THAT DENTAL
15	ASSISTANTS SHALL NOT PERFORM ACTIVITIES DISALLOWED UNDER SECTION
16	12-220-501 (3)(a).
17	(2) A dental hygienist shall state in writing and require a patient
18	to acknowledge by signature that any diagnosis or assessment is for the
19	purpose of determining necessary dental hygiene services only. and that
20	it is recommended by the American Dental Association, or any successor
21	organizations, that a thorough dental examination be performed by a
22	dentist twice each year.
23	(4) (a) Notwithstanding section 12-220-104 (13) or 12-220-305
24	(1)(b), AND CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 12-220-303, a dental hygienist
25	may be the proprietor of a place where supervised or unsupervised dental
26	hygiene is performed and may purchase, own, or lease equipment,
27	DENTAL MATERIALS, AND SUPPLIES necessary to perform supervised or

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unsupervised dental hygiene.

(b) A dental hygienist proprietor, or a professional corporation,
LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP, or professional limited liability
corporation of dental hygienists, in addition to providing dental hygiene
services, may enter into an agreement with one or more dentists for the
lease or rental of equipment or office space in the same physical location
as the dental hygiene practice, but only if the determination of necessary
dental services provided by the dentist and professional responsibility for
those services, including but not limited to dental records, appropriate
medication, and patient payment, remain with the treating dentist. It is the
responsibility of the dental hygienist to inform the patient as to whether
there is a supervisory relationship between the dentist and the dental
hygienist. An agreement under this subsection (4)(b) does not constitute
employment and does not constitute cause for discipline pursuant to
section 12-220-201 (1)(h).

SECTION <u>23.</u> In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-220-504, as follows:

12-220-504. What constitutes practicing supervised dental hygiene - rules. (1) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 12-220-501 (3), unless licensed to practice dentistry, a person who performs any of the following tasks under the supervision of a licensed dentist is deemed to be practicing supervised dental hygiene:

- (a) Performing a task described in section 12-220-503 (1);
- 24 (b) Preparing study casts;
 - (c) Administering local anesthesia under the indirect supervision of a licensed dentist pursuant to rules of the board, including minimum education requirements and procedures for local anesthesia

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1	administration; or
2	(d) Placing interim therapeutic restorations pursuant to section
3	12-220-505.
4	(e) Repealed.
5	(b) ADMINISTERING AND MONITORING INHALATION ANESTHESIA
6	UNDER THE INDIRECT SUPERVISION OF A DENTIST CONSISTENT WITH
7	SECTION 12-220-305 (1)(q) AND PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF THE BOARD
8	REGARDING TRAINING AND MINIMUM EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS;
9	(c) Utilizing a laser for dental hygiene purposes within
10	DEFINED SCOPES OF PRACTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES OF THE BOARD;
11	(d) (I) PURSUANT TO RULES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD,
12	ADMINISTERING IMMUNIZATIONS, UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A
13	LICENSED DENTIST OR THE DELEGATION OF A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL
14	WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER IMMUNIZATIONS AND DELEGATE
15	TASKS UNDER THIS TITLE 12, TO PATIENTS SIX YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.
16	The board may adopt rules specifying the minimum training
17	REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS TO ADMINISTER IMMUNIZATIONS.
18	(II) A DENTAL HYGIENIST WHO ADMINISTERS IMMUNIZATIONS
19	SHALL:
20	(A) NOT PROVIDE MEDICAL OR NONMEDICAL EXEMPTIONS FOR ANY
21	REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS;
22	(B) Enter all immunization-related administration
23	<u>INFORMATION INTO THE COLORADO IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM</u>
24	CREATED PURSUANT TO PART 24 OF ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 25;
25	(C) DISCLOSE THEIR MEDICAL TRAINING RELATED TO PEDIATRIC
26	ADMINISTRATION, INCLUDING THE ABILITY TO MANAGE SIDE EFFECTS OR
27	ADVERSE OUTCOMES, TO PATIENTS AS PART OF THE PATIENT CONSENT

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1	PROCESS;
2	(D) ADMINISTER ONLY RESPIRATORY AND ORAL HEALTH,
3	INCLUDING HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS, IMMUNIZATIONS; AND
4	(E) DISTRIBUTE IMMUNIZATION EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND
5	RECOMMENDATIONS DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
6	AND ENVIRONMENT TO THEIR PATIENTS.
7	(e) Administering neuromodulators and dermal fillers
8	FOR THERAPEUTIC AND COSMETIC PURPOSES UNDER THE DIRECT
9	SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED DENTIST, OR THE DELEGATION OF A LICENSED
10	PHYSICIAN OR OTHER DELEGATED PROFESSIONAL, PURSUANT TO RULES
11	ADOPTED BY THE BOARD. THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES REGARDING
12	THE APPROPRIATE EDUCATION AND TRAINING, AS APPLICABLE.
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14	(f) PLACING INTERIM THERAPEUTIC RESTORATIONS PURSUANT TO
15	<u>SECTION 12-220-505.</u>
16	(2) A DENTAL HYGIENIST MAY PERFORM ANY DENTAL TASK OR
17	PROCEDURE ASSIGNED TO THE DENTAL HYGIENIST BY A LICENSED DENTIST
18	THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE THE PROFESSIONAL SKILL OF A LICENSED
19	DENTIST; EXCEPT THAT THE DENTAL HYGIENIST MAY PERFORM THE TASK
20	OR PROCEDURE ONLY UNDER THE INDIRECT SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED
21	DENTIST OR AS AUTHORIZED IN SECTIONS 12-220-503 AND 12-220-504.
22	SECTION 24. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-505, amend
23	(1)(b), (1)(d), and (6)(a); and add (6)(c) as follows:
24	12-220-505. Interim therapeutic restorations by dental
25	hygienists - permitting process - rules - subject to review. (1) Upon
26	application, accompanied by a fee in an amount determined by the
27	director, the board shall grant a permit to place interim therapeutic

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restorations to any dental hygienist applicant who:

- (b) Has completed a course developed at the postsecondary educational level that complies with the rules adopted by the board. The course must be offered under the direct supervision of a member of the faculty of a AN ACCREDITED Colorado dental or dental hygiene school. accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation or its successor agency. All faculty responsible for clinical evaluation of students must be dentists with a faculty appointment at an accredited Colorado dental or dental hygiene school.
- (d) Furnishes, supplies, constructs, reproduces, or repairs any prosthetic denture, bridge, appliance, or other structure to be worn in the human mouth or upon the jaws, maxillofacial area, or adjacent and associated structures other than on the written DENTAL laboratory work order of a duly licensed and practicing dentist;
- (6) (a) A dentist shall not supervise more than five full-time equivalent dental hygienists who place interim therapeutic restorations under telehealth supervision unless granted a waiver by the board pursuant to subsection (6)(b) of this section. For purposes of patient referral for follow-up care, A dentist who supervises a dental hygienist who provides interim therapeutic restorations under telehealth supervision must have an active license in good standing issued by the board. and a physical practice location in Colorado or within reasonable proximity of the location where the interim therapeutic restoration is placed BEFORE PROVIDING INTERIM THERAPEUTIC RESTORATIONS, A DENTAL HYGIENIST SHALL CONFIRM IN COMMUNICATION TO THE SUPERVISING DENTIST A REFERRAL FOR FOLLOW-UP CARE TO A LICENSED DENTIST WITHIN REASONABLE PHYSICAL PROXIMITY TO THE LOCATION WHERE THE INTERIM

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1	THERAPEUTIC RESTORATION IS PLACED.
2	(c) A DENTIST SHALL NOT SUPERVISE, IN AGGREGATE, MORE THAN
3	FIVE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT DENTAL HYGIENISTS OR DENTAL THERAPISTS
4	PERFORMING PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6)(a) OF THIS
5	SECTION AND SECTION 12-220-508, AND LIMITS ON SUPERVISION OF
6	DENTAL THERAPISTS MUST REMAIN CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 12-220-508
7	(3).
8	SECTION 25. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-220-508, amend
9	(1)(a) introductory portion, (1)(a)(VIII), (2)(a)(VI), and (3)(a); and add
10	(1)(c)(IX) and (3)(d) as follows:
11	12-220-508. Practice of dental therapy - supervision
12	requirement - rules. (1) (a) A dental therapist may perform the
13	following tasks and procedures under the direct supervision of a licensed
14	dentist WITH AN ACTIVE LICENSE IN GOOD STANDING:
15	(VIII) Repair defective prosthetic devices.
16	(c) A dental therapist licensed pursuant to this article 220 may
17	perform the following tasks under the indirect supervision of a licensed
18	dentist, regardless of the number of hours the dental therapist has
19	practiced:
20	(IX) DIRECTING DENTAL ASSISTANTS TO ASSIST IN ACTIVITIES
21	THAT ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR A DENTAL THERAPIST
22	UNDER DIRECT AND INDIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE DENTAL THERAPIST
23	ONLY; EXCEPT THAT DENTAL ASSISTANTS SHALL NOT PERFORM ACTIVITIES
24	DISALLOWED UNDER SECTION 12-220-501 (3)(a).
25	(2) (a) An articulated plan between a dental therapist and a dentist
26	must include:
27	(VI) CONSISTENT WITH DENTAL ASSISTANTS' SCOPE OF PRACTICE,

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1	policies for supervising dental assistants and working with dental
2	hygienists and other dental practitioners and staff.
3	(3) (a) Except as provided in subsection (3)(b), or (3)(c), OR (3)(d)
4	of this section, a dentist may not simultaneously supervise more than
5	three full-time or full-time-equivalent dental therapists.
6	(d) A DENTIST SHALL NOT SUPERVISE IN AGGREGATE MORE THAN
7	FIVE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT DENTAL HYGIENISTS OR DENTAL THERAPISTS
8	PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND SECTION 12-220-505 (6)(a), AND LIMITS
9	ON SUPERVISION OF DENTAL THERAPISTS MUST REMAIN CONSISTENT WITH
10	THIS SUBSECTION (3).
11	SECTION <u>26.</u> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, repeal
12	(26)(a)(I); and add (35)(a)(VI) as follows:
13	24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies
14	and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative
15	declaration - repeal. (26) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,
16	are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2025:
17	(I) The Colorado dental board created in article 220 of title 12;
18	(35) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled
19	for repeal on September 1, 2034:
20	(VI) The Colorado dental board created in article $220\mathrm{of}$
21	TITLE 12.
22	SECTION 27. Repeal of relocated provisions. In Colorado
23	Revised Statutes, repeal 12-220-104 (11).
24	SECTION 28. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
25	takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
26	ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
27	that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V

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- of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
- 2 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
- 3 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
- 4 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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