

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2979 Session of
1990

INTRODUCED BY MARKOSEK, NOVEMBER 12, 1990

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
NOVEMBER 12, 1990

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.216, No.76), entitled "An
2 act relating to dentistry; defining and providing for the
3 licensing and registration of dentists and dental hygienists,
4 and for the revocation and suspension of such licenses and
5 registrations, subject to appeal, and for their
6 reinstatement; defining the powers and duties of the State
7 Dental Council and Examining Board and the Department of
8 Public Instruction; providing penalties; and repealing
9 existing laws," requiring completion of approved continuing
10 education programs for renewal of dental licenses.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Section 8 of the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.216,
14 No.76), known as The Dental Law, amended December 20, 1985
15 (P.L.513, No.118), is amended to read:

16 Section 8. Status of Existing Practitioners Preserved.--
17 [Any] (a) Subject to the requirements of subsection (b), any
18 person licensed or legally authorized to practice dentistry or
19 as a dental hygienist in this Commonwealth at the time this act
20 takes effect shall thereafter continue to possess the same
21 rights and privileges with respect to the practice of dentistry

1 or as a dental hygienist without being required to be licensed
2 anew under the provisions of this act, subject, however, to the
3 power of the board, as provided in this act, to suspend or
4 revoke the license of any such person for any of the causes set
5 forth in this act, and subject to the power of the board to
6 require any such person to renew biennially with the board, as
7 provided in this act.

8 (b) Beginning March 31, 1995, no application for renewal of
9 a dental license shall be approved by the board unless the
10 applicant submits proof to the board of satisfactory completion
11 of the continuing education requirements imposed by board
12 regulations.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.