

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 844 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY MURT, NEILSON, FREEMAN, LAWRENCE AND HILL-EVANS,
MARCH 14, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, MARCH 14, 2019

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," further providing for dental technicians and
10 prescriptions.

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

13 Section 1. Section 11.1(b) and (d) of the act of May 1, 1933
14 (P.L.216, No.76), known as The Dental Law, are amended to read:

15 Section 11.1. Dental Technicians; Prescriptions.--* * *

16 (b) Any dentist who uses the services of a dental technician
17 [in this State] shall furnish [him] the dental technician with a
18 written prescription, based upon a physical examination of the
19 patient's oral health conducted by the prescribing dentist, on
20 forms prescribed by the board, which shall contain: (1) the name
21 and address of the dental technician; (2) The patient's name or
22 identification number. If a number is used the patient's name

1 shall be written upon the duplicate copy of the prescription
2 retained by the dentist; (3) The date on which the prescription
3 was written; (4) A prescription of the work to be done, with
4 diagrams if necessary; (5) A specification of the type and
5 quality of materials to be used; (6) The signature of the
6 dentist and his license number.

7 The dental technician shall retain the original prescription,
8 and the dentist shall retain a duplicate copy thereof for
9 inspection by the board or its agent for a period of two years.

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11 (d) It shall be unlawful for any dental technician to
12 furnish services to any [dentist] person without first obtaining
13 a prescription therefor from [him] a dentist, or to fail to
14 retain the original prescription for two years, or to refuse to
15 allow the board or its agent to inspect his files.

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