
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY VANCE, M. WHITE, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, EICHELBERGER,
ALLOWAY AND FERLO, FEBRUARY 7, 2011

REFERRED TO BANKING AND INSURANCE, FEBRUARY 7, 2011

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," providing for professional liability
10 insurance.

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

13 Section 1. The act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.216, No.76), known as
14 The Dental Law, is amended by adding a section to read:

15 Section 3.2. Professional Liability Insurance.--(a) A
16 person licensed to engage in the practice of dentistry shall:

17 (1) purchase medical professional liability insurance in the
18 minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence or claim and
19 \$3,000,000 per annual aggregate; or

20 (2) provide self-insurance.

21 (b) An applicant for licensure or license renewal shall
22 provide proof of professional liability insurance to the State

1 Board of Dentistry in accordance with subsection (a) within
2 sixty (60) days of the policy being issued.

3 (c) If an applicant for licensure or license renewal fails
4 to submit proof of insurance or self-insurance required under
5 subsection (a), the applicant's license shall be refused,
6 revoked or suspended by the board.

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