



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5303**

LCO No. 1456



Referred to Committee on Aging

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

***AN ACT ALLOWING DENTAL HYGIENISTS TO PROVIDE DENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES IN PRIVATE RESIDENCES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 20-126*l* of the general  
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4 (a) As used in this section:

5 (1) "General supervision of a licensed dentist" means supervision that  
6 authorizes dental hygiene procedures to be performed with the  
7 knowledge of said licensed dentist, whether or not the dentist is on the  
8 premises when such procedures are being performed;

9 (2) "Public health facility" means an institution, as defined in section  
10 19a-490, a community health center, a group home, a school, a preschool  
11 operated by a local or regional board of education, a head start program  
12 or a program offered or sponsored by the federal Special Supplemental  
13 Food Program for Women, Infants and Children, a senior center or a  
14 managed residential community, as defined in section 19a-693, a

15 licensed child care center, as described in section 19a-77, or a temporary  
16 dental clinic, as defined in section 20-126c;

17 (3) The "practice of dental hygiene" means the performance of  
18 educational, preventive and therapeutic services including: Complete  
19 prophylaxis; the removal of calcareous deposits, accretions and stains  
20 from the supragingival and subgingival surfaces of the teeth by scaling,  
21 root planing and polishing; the application of pit and fissure sealants  
22 and topical solutions to exposed portions of the teeth; dental hygiene  
23 examinations and the charting of oral conditions; dental hygiene  
24 assessment, treatment planning and evaluation; the administration of  
25 local anesthesia in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of  
26 this section; taking alginate impressions of teeth, under the indirect  
27 supervision of a dentist, for use in study models, orthodontic  
28 appliances, whitening trays, mouth guards and fabrication of temporary  
29 crowns; and collaboration in the implementation of the oral health care  
30 regimen; and

31 (4) "Contact hour" means a minimum of fifty minutes of continuing  
32 education activity.

33 (b) No person shall engage in the practice of dental hygiene unless  
34 such person (1) has a dental hygiene license issued by the Department  
35 of Public Health and (A) is practicing under the general supervision of  
36 a licensed dentist, or (B) has been practicing as a licensed dental  
37 hygienist for at least two years, is practicing in a public health facility or  
38 private residence and complies with the requirements of subsection (e)  
39 of this section, or (2) has a dental license.

40 Sec. 2. Subsection (f) of section 20-126l of the general statutes is  
41 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
42 *1, 2026*):

43 (f) Each dental hygienist practicing in a public health facility or  
44 private residence shall (1) refer for treatment any patient with needs  
45 outside the dental hygienist's scope of practice, and (2) coordinate such

46 referral for treatment to dentists licensed pursuant to chapter 379.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-1261(a) and (b)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-1261(f)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow dental hygienists to provide dental hygiene services in private residences.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*