

SENATE FILE 218

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(COMPANION TO LSB 2085HH  
BY JOCHUM)

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to supervision of licensed dental hygienists by  
2 licensed dentists.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 153.15, Code 1995, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 153.15 DENTAL HYGIENISTS -- SCOPE OF TERM -- SUPERVISION  
4 BY DENTIST.

5 A licensed dental hygienist may perform those services  
6 which are educational, therapeutic, and preventive in nature  
7 which attain or maintain optimal oral health as determined by  
8 the board of dentistry and may include but are not necessarily  
9 limited to complete oral prophylaxis, application of  
10 preventive agents to oral structures, exposure and processing  
11 of radiographs, administration of medicaments prescribed by a  
12 licensed dentist, obtaining and preparing nonsurgical,  
13 clinical and oral diagnostic tests for interpretation by the  
14 dentist, preparation of preliminary written records of oral  
15 conditions for interpretation by the dentist. A licensed  
16 dental hygienist shall perform all services authorized in this  
17 section under the general supervision of a dentist currently  
18 licensed and actively practicing in Iowa. General supervision  
19 means that a dentist has authorized the services that the  
20 dental hygienist provides. The supervising dentist need not  
21 be present in the facility while the dental hygienist performs  
22 the services. Each supervising dentist shall determine the  
23 extent of the authorization and the duration of the  
24 authorization according to the individual needs of the patient  
25 and the dentist's professional judgment. Such These services  
26 shall be performed under-supervision-of-a-licensed-dentist-and  
27 in a dental office, a public or private school, public health  
28 agencies, hospitals, and the armed forces, but nothing herein  
29 shall-be-construed-to-authorize in this section authorizes a  
30 dental hygienist to practice dentistry.

31 EXPLANATION

32 This bill defines the general supervision of a licensed  
33 dentist over a licensed dental hygienist.

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