

House File 2388 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 550)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the services dental hygienists may perform.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 153.15, Code 2016, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **153.15 Dental hygienists — scope of term.**

4 1. A licensed dental hygienist may perform those services
5 which are educational, therapeutic, and preventive in nature
6 which attain or maintain optimal oral health as determined by
7 the board and may include but are not necessarily limited to
8 complete oral prophylaxis, application of preventive agents
9 to oral structures, exposure and processing of radiographs,
10 administration of medicaments prescribed by a licensed
11 dentist, obtaining and preparing nonsurgical, clinical and
12 oral diagnostic tests for interpretation by the dentist, and
13 preparation of preliminary written records of oral conditions
14 for interpretation by the dentist. Such services, with the
15 exception of educational services and oral screening services,
16 shall be performed under supervision of a licensed dentist and
17 in a dental office, a public or private school, public health
18 agencies, hospitals, and the armed forces, but nothing herein
19 shall be construed to authorize a dental hygienist to practice
20 dentistry. Oral screening services performed by a licensed
21 dental hygienist other than under the supervision of a licensed
22 dentist shall require a referral to a licensed dentist for a
23 comprehensive exam, diagnosis, and treatment plan.

24 2. For purposes of this section:

25 a. "Educational services" includes:

26 (1) Assessing the need for planning, implementing, and
27 evaluating oral health education programs for individual
28 patients and community groups.

29 (2) Conducting workshops and in-service training sessions
30 on dental health for nurses, school personnel, institutional
31 staff, community groups, and other agencies providing
32 consultation and technical assistance for promotional,
33 preventative, or other services.

34 b. "Oral screening services" means either of the following:

35 (1) Reviewing medical and dental health histories.

