

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 824
HOUSE BILL 286

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 90, ARTICLE 16, OF THE GENERAL STATUTES
RELATING TO DENTAL HYGIENISTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 90-221 is amended by adding a new section (f) as follows:

"(f) 'Supervision' as used in this Article shall mean that acts are deemed to be under the supervision of a licensed dentist when performed in a locale where a licensed dentist is physically present during the performance of such acts and such acts are being performed pursuant to the dentist's order, control and approval."

Sec. 2. G.S. 90-233 is amended by rewriting subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) A dental hygienist may practice only under the supervision of one or more licensed dentists. Provided, however, that this subsection (a) shall be deemed to be complied with in the case of dental hygienists employed by the Department of Human Resources and especially trained by said Department as public health hygienists while performing their duties in the public schools under the direction of a duly licensed dentist."

Sec. 3. G.S. 90-233 is amended by rewriting subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(b) A dentist in private practice may not employ more than two dental hygienists at one and the same time who are employed in clinical dental hygiene positions."

Sec. 4. G.S. 143-34.12 is amended by deleting line 12 which reads as follows:

"Chapter 90, Article 16, entitled 'Dental Hygiene Act'."

Sec. 5. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 7th day of July, 1981.