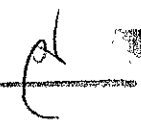


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Oral health is an integral part of overall health. That is why the country's dental workforce: composed of dentists, dental hygienists, and dental technologists, play an important role in the system of health care delivery in our country. The burden of addressing oral diseases is in their hands. The magnitude of the burden is daunting: 97% of the population suffers from dental caries, basic oral care is out of reach for most Filipinos, and 77% of the population has never visited a dentist. Dental caries prevalence in the Philippines is the second highest in the whole western Pacific region.

Even the global landscape of dental education and dental practice has changed significantly over the past decade. The impacts of rapidly changing socio-economic demands, technological advances, as well as disease epidemiology have shaped these changes. However, despite these local and global changes, oral health practice in the country is still regulated by a 1965 legislation which has not fully addressed the myriad challenges faced by the dental profession.

To stay relevant, practitioners of the dental profession must rise to the challenges in an increasingly globalizing era. They must examine, reflect on and reinvent their approaches to understanding and addressing the health literacy challenges of patients seeking dental care. Illegal oral care is a major concern here, as it puts patients at high risk. Making oral health care and preventive services available, accessible and affordable is also a major challenge. The dental workforce and the misdistribution of oral health personnel in the country need to be continuously monitored. And further development of integrative approaches in general health programs and primary health care is needed to improve access and to reduce inequalities. This bill will go a long way in professionalizing the practice of Dentistry, Dental Hygiene, and Dental Technology in the country and in giving our esteemed, dedicated dental practitioners the acknowledgment they so deserve.

Approval of this measure, therefore, is earnestly sought.

  
EDGARDO J. ANGARA  
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AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY,  
DENTAL HYGIENE, AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGY IN THE PHILIPPINES,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4419,  
OR THE PHILIPPINE DENTAL ACT OF 1965,  
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in Congress duly assembled:*

ARTICLE I

TITLE [of Act], STATEMENT OF POLICY,  
OBJECTIVES, AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE

SECTION I. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as *"The Philippine Dental Act of 2005."*

SECTION 2. *Statement of Policy.* THE STATE RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF ORAL HEALTH OF EVERY FILIPINO RENDERED BY DENTISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGISTS IN NATION-BUILDING. HENCE, IT SHALL DEVELOP AND NURTURE COMPETENT, PRODUCTIVE, MORALLY-UPRIGHT, AND WELL ROUNDED PROFESSIONALS WHOSE STANDARDS OF PRACTICE AND SERVICE SHALL BE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AND GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE THROUGH REGULATORY MEASURES, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES THAT FOSTER THEIR CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

SECTION 3. *Objectives.* This Act provides for:

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- 1 a) The regulations, control and supervision of the practice of dentistry, DENTAL  
2 HYGIENE AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGY in the Philippines;  
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4 b) The giving of licensure examinations to graduates of recognized dental schools  
5 of DENTISTRY, DENTAL HYGIENE AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGY for the  
6 purpose of registration;  
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8 c) THE ACCREDITATION OF THE VARIOUS SPECIALTIES OF DENTISTRY;  
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10 d) The promotion and development of CONTINUING DENTAL EDUCATION  
11 AND research;  
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13 e) THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE CODE OF ETHICS AND THE REGULATORY  
14 CODE OF DENTAL PRACTICE IN THE PHILIPPINES; and  
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16 f) The stipulation of penalties for infractions of violations of this Act or any other  
17 laws, rules and regulations authorized under the provisions of this Act.  
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21 SECTION 4. *DEFINITION AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE.* FOR PURPOSES OF  
22 THIS ACT,  
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- 24 A. "*DENTIST*" SHALL REFER TO A PERSON WHO IS A HOLDER OF A VALID  
25 CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION / PROFESSIONAL LICENSE AND  
26 PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD IN DENTISTRY AND WHO  
27 RENDERS DENTAL SERVICE WITHIN THE MEANING AND INTENT OF  
28 THIS LAW WHO, FOR A FEE, SALARY, COMPENSATION OR REWARD,  
29 PAID TO HIM / HER OR THROUGH ANOTHER OR EVEN WITHOUT  
30 SUCH COMPENSATION OR REWARD, PERFORMS AN OPERATION OR  
31 PART THEREOF, ON THE HUMAN ORAL CAVITY, JAWS, TEETH AND  
32 SURROUNDING TISSUES; PRESCRIBES DRUGS OR MEDICINES FOR THE  
33 TREATMENT OF ORAL DISEASES OR LESIONS, OR PREVENTS OR  
34 REPLACEMENT OF LOST TEETH WITH DENTAL PROSTHESIS OR  
35 IMPLANTATION OF ARTIFICIAL SUBSTITUTES; AND AS A FACULTY IN  
36 DENTAL COLLEGES: *PROVIDED, HOWEVER,* THAT THIS PROVISION  
37 SHALL NOT APPLY TO STUDENTS OF DENTISTRY UNDERGOING  
38 PRATICAL TRAINING IN A LEGALLY CONSTITUTED DENTAL SCHOOL  
39 OR COLLEGE UNDER THE DIRECTION OR SUPERVISION OF A MEMBER  
40 OF THE FACULTY WHO IS DULY LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY  
41 IN THE PHILIPPINES; OR TO REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENISTS WHO  
42 MAY BE ALLOWED TO PERFORM PREVENTIVE ORAL HYGIENE  
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47 VALID CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION / PROFESSIONAL LICENSE  
48 AND PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD AND ONE WHO HAS  
49 UNDERGONE A TWO-YEAR COURSE IN DENTAL HYGIENE FROM A  
50 LEGALLY CONSTITUTED DENTAL SCHOOL OR COLLEGE AND PASSING

1 THE PRESCRIBED BOARD EXAMINATION FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS,  
2 RENDERS ORAL HEALTH PROMOTION AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES,  
3 PERFORMS SCALING AND POLISHING, FLUORIDE ORAL APPLICATION,  
4 APPLICATION OF PITS AND FISSURE SEALANTS, ORAL EXAMINATION,  
5 TAKES BRIEF CLINICAL HISTORY, PERFORMS RADIOGRAPH, AND  
6 GIVES ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION ON PATIENTS UNDER THE  
7 SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED DENTIST; AND  
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9 C. "*DENTAL TECHNOLOGIST*" REFERS TO A PERSON WHO IS A HOLDER  
10 OF A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION / PROFESSIONAL LICENSE, AND  
11 PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD AND WHO RENDERS  
12 TECHNICAL SERVICE SUCH AS MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION OF  
13 ARTIFICIAL DENTURE AND OTHER ORAL DEVICES, AND HAS  
14 FINISHED A TWO-YEAR CERTIFICATE COURSE IN DENTAL  
15 TECHNOLOGY FROM ANY LEGALLY CONSTITUTED DENTAL SCHOOL  
16 OR COLLEGE.  
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## 20 ARTICLE II

### 21 THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF DENTISTRY 22 23 24

25 SECTION 5. *THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF DENTISTRY*  
26 *AND ITS COMPOSITION.* THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF  
27 DENTISTRY, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "*BOARD*," UNDER THE  
28 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
29 COMMISSION, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "*COMMISSION*" SHALL  
30 BE COMPOSED OF A CHAIRMAN AND FOUR (4) MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED  
31 BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM A LIST OF THREE (3)  
32 RECOMMENDEES FOR EACH POSITION, AND RANKED BY THE COMMISSION  
33 FROM A LIST OF FIVE (5) NOMINEES FOR EACH POSITION, SUBMITTED BY  
34 THE ACCREDITED NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF LICENSED DENTISTS.  
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38 SECTION 6. *QUALIFICATIONS OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS*  
39 *OF THE BOARD.* THE CHAIRPERSON AND members of the Board shall, at the  
40 time of HIS / HER appointment, POSSESS THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:  
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- 42 a) MUST be a natural-born citizen of the Philippines and A [ACTUALLY]  
43 resident thereof;  
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45 b) MUST be a duly registered dentist in the Philippines;  
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47 C) MUST have at least ten (10) years of experience IN ANY SCOPE OF  
48 PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY;  
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- 1 d) Must be a member of good standing of the Philippine Dental Association and /  
2 or any other *bonafide* ACCREDITED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION for  
3 the last five (5) years, *PROVIDED*, THAT NO MEMBER OF THE BOARD  
4 MAY QUALIFY TO ANY POSITION, ELECTIVE OR APPOINTIVE, IN THE  
5 ACCREDITED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION DURING HIS / HER  
6 INCUMBENCY AS SUCH;  
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- 8 e) Must not [be a member of the faculty of any school, college or university  
9 where dentistry is taught, nor shall have, directly or indirectly , any  
10 pecuniary interest in such institution] HAVE ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST,  
11 DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN ANY SCHOOL, COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY  
12 OR INSTITUTION CONFERRING AN ACADEMIC DEGREE NECESSARY  
13 FOR ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY OR WHERE  
14 REVIEW CLASSES IN PREPARATION FOR THE LICENSURE  
15 EXAMINATION ARE BEING OFFERED OR CONDUCTED, NOR SHALL HE  
16 / SHE BE A MEMBER OF THE FACULTY OR ADMINISTRATION  
17 THEREOF AT THE TIME OF HIS / HER APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD;  
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- 20 f) Must not be connected in nay capacity with any business enterprise, firm or  
21 company engaged in the buying selling or manufacture of dental goods,  
22 equipments, materials or supplies.  
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25 SECTION 7. *[TENURE] TERM OF OFFICE.* The CHAIRMAN AND members  
26 of the Board shall [serve for a term of five years: Provided, however, That not more  
27 than one member shall be appointed for the full term within the same calendar year,  
28 and that appointments shall be made to fill existing vacancies only, so that the term of  
29 one member shall be due to expire every year: Provided, further, That the member  
30 serving the last year of his term shall automatically become the chairman of the  
31 Board, and shall not be entitled to succeed himself immediately after the expiration of  
32 his name tenure of office] SHALL HOLD OFFICE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3)  
33 YEARS. ANY VACANCY OCCURRING WITHIN THE TERM OF THE CHAIRMAN  
34 OR MEMBER SHALL BE FILLED UP FOR THE UNEXPIRED PORTION OF THE  
35 TERM ONLY. NO PERSON WHO HAS SERVED TWO (2) SUCCESSIVE  
36 COMPLETE TERMS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT.  
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38 INCUMBENTS WHOSE TERMS HAVE NOT YET EXPIRED OR WHO ARE  
39 SERVING IN A HOLD-OVER CAPACITY DURING THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS  
40 ACT, SHALL BE ALLOWED TO SERVE THE UNEXPIRED PORTION OF THEIR  
41 TERM AND MAY BE APPOINTED UNDER THIS ACT.  
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44 SECTION [7] 8. *Compensation AND ALLOWANCES OF THE BOARD.* The  
45 CHAIRPERSON AND members of the Board shall [each] receive [as] compensation [a  
46 fee of ten pesos per capita of the candidates examined. The chairman of the Board  
47 shall receive no extra compensation] AND ALLOWANCES COMPARABLE TO  
48 THAT BEING RECEIVED BY THE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS OF EXISTING  
49 REGULATORY BOARDS UNDER THE COMMISSION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE  
50 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.

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**SECTION 9. Powers [vested in] AND FUNCTIONS OF THE Board.** The Board [of Dental Examiners is vested with authority, conformably with the provisions of this Act, to issue, suspend or revoke certificates of registration for the practice of dentistry, or to reissue the same, subject to approval of the President of the Philippines. The Board shall have the power to administer oaths, to investigate violations of this Act or other laws and regulations within the jurisdiction of the Board, and for this purpose, it may, under the hand of its chairman and seal of the Board, issue a summons, subpoena or subpoena duces tecum to alleged violators of this Act and witnesses thereof, and compel their attendance. The Board shall also have the power to visit dental schools to determine whether the minimum requirements prescribed by law and / or the Council on Dental Education are complied with. The Board shall exercise the powers conferred upon it by this Act, shall from time to time look into the conditions affecting the practice of dentistry in the Philippines, and whenever necessary, adopt or recommend such measures, or discharge such duties, as may be deemed proper for the advancement of the profession, the maintenance of accepted ethical and technical standards, and the vigorous enforcement of this Act.] **SHALL EXERCISE THE FOLLOWING POWERS AND FUNCTIONS:**

- a) **SUPERVISE AND REGULATE THE REGISTRATION, LICENSURE AND PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY, DENTAL HYGIENE AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGY IN THE PHILIPPINES;**
- b) **ADMINISTER OATHS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS ACT;**
- c) **STUDY THE CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY, DENTAL HYGIENCE AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGY IN THE PHILIPPINES;**
- d) **ENSURE, IN COORDINATION WITH THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED), AND ALL ACCREDITED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION, AND ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL COLLEGES, THAT ALL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OFFERING DENTISTRY, DENTAL HYGIENE AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGY COURSES, COMPLY WITH THE POLICIES, STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE COURSE IN THE AREAS OF CURRICULUM, FACULTY, LIBRARY, AND FACILITIES AS PRESCRIBED BY CHED;**
- e) **ADOPT AN OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BOARD;**
- f) **ISSUE, REINSTATE, SUSPEND OR REVOKE THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION / PROFESSIONAL LICENSE AND PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD OR CANCEL SPECIAL PERMITS FOR THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY, DENTAL HYGIENE AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGY;**

- 1 g) ENSURE THE STRICT OBSERVANCE OF THE CODE OF ETHICS AND THE  
2 REGULATORY CODE OF DENTAL PRACTICE FOR THE PRACTICE OF  
3 DENTISTRY, DENTAL HYGIENE AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGY;  
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- 5 h) PROMULGATE, ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE RULES AND  
6 REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF  
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- 9 i) PRESCRIBE GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA IN THE CONTINUING  
10 PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CPE) PROGRAM FOR DENTISTRY,  
11 DENTAL HYGIENE AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGY;  
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- 13 j) HEAR OR INVESTIGATE ANY VIOLATION OF THIS ACT, OR ITS  
14 IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS, OR THE CODE OF ETHICS  
15 FOR DENTISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGIESTS  
16 AS SHALL COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE BOARD AND FOR THIS  
17 PURPOSE, ISSUE SUBPOENAS TO SECURE THE APPEARANCE OF  
18 WITNESSES AND THE PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS IN  
19 CONNECTION THEREWITH;  
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- 21 k) ACCREDIT VARIOUS DENTAL SPECIALTY GROUPS; AND  
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- 23 l) ADOPT OR RECOMMEND SUCH MEASURES OR PERFORM SUCH  
24 DUTIES, AS MAY BE DEEMED PROPER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF  
25 THE PROFESSION, THE MAINTENANCE OF ACCEPTED ETHICAL AND  
26 TECHNICAL STANDARDS, AND THE VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT OF  
27 THIS ACT;  
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30 SECTION [8] 10. *SUSPENSION AND Removal from Office.* Any member of  
31 the Board [, including the chairman,] may, [be] UPON RECOMMENDATION OF  
32 THE COMMISSION, be SUSPENDED OR removed FROM OFFICE BY THE  
33 PRESIDENT for cause INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, incompetence or  
34 [continued] neglect of duty, [for] commission or toleration of irregularities in the  
35 examination, [or for] and unprofessional or dishonorable conduct [after a proper  
36 administrative investigation].  
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38 [Section 10. Rules and Regulations - The Board of Dental Examiners with the  
39 approval of the Commissioner of Civil Service, shall promulgate and adopt such rules  
40 and regulations as may be necessary to implement or carry out the provisions of this  
41 Act, especially those relating to the proper conduct of the examinations custody and  
42 correction of examination papers, registration of dentists, and enforcement of the  
43 Code of Ethics for dentists.]  
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46 SECTION 11. [*Secretary*] *SUPERVISION OF THE BOARD.* [The Secretary of  
47 the Boards of Examiners appointed in accordance with Section one of Republic Act  
48 Numbered Five hundred forty-six shall also be the secretary of the Board of Dental  
49 Examiners, all records and minutes of the deliberations and proceedings of the Board,  
50 including examination papers and other confidential documents, shall be kept by the

1 Civil Service Commission under the direct custody of the secretary of the Board. The  
2 secretary shall also keep a complete register of all persons to whom certificates of  
3 registration as dentist have been issued, indicating the name, sex, age, date and place  
4 of birth, post office address, the name of the school or university where the registrant  
5 graduated, date of graduation, and the date when he passed the qualifying  
6 examinations.] THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE  
7 COMMISSION SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF EXISTING LAWS, AND ALL  
8 RECORDS, AND MINUTES OF THE DELIBERATIONS AND PROCEEDINGS OF  
9 THE BOARD AND OTHER CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS SHALL BE KEPT  
10 UNDET THE DIRECT CUSTODY OF THE COMMISSION.

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12 THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE SECRETARIAT AND OTHER  
13 SUPPORT SERVICES TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

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16 SECTION 12. *Annual Report.* The Board shall, within sixty (60) days after the  
17 close of each fiscal year; prepare and submit an annual report to the [President of the  
18 Philippines] COMMISSION which shall include a detailed account of the proceedings  
19 of the Board during the year, an up-to-date registry of dentists in the country,  
20 [including those in private practice and those in the government service, and  
21 embodying such recommendations as the Board may desire to make]  
22 RECOMMENDING MEASURES TO BE ADOPTED WITH THE END IN VIEW OF  
23 UPGRADINGAND IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE PRACTICE  
24 OF DENTISTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES.

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27 ARTICLE [IV] III

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29 EXAMINATION, [AND] REGISTRATION, AND LICENSURE

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32 SECTION 13. *Prerequisite to the Practice of Dentistry, Dental Hygiene and*  
33 *Dental Technology.* [Unless specifically exempt and authorized by this Act, no  
34 person shall engage in the practice of dentistry in the Philippines without a certificate  
35 of registration as dentist issued to him by the Board Dental Examiners after  
36 successfully passing the required qualifying examination.] ALL APPLICANTS FOR  
37 REGISTRATION FOR THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY, DENTAL HYGIENE AND  
38 DENTAL TECHNOLOGY SHALL BE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO A LICENSURE  
39 EXAMINATION TO BE GIVEN BY THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY IN SUCH  
40 PLACES AND DATES AS THE COMMISSIONMAY DESIGNATE SUBJECT TO THE  
41 COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY THE  
42 COMMISSION.

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45 [Section 14. Definition of Practice of Dentistry. - A person shall be regarded as  
46 engaged in the practice of dentistry or rendering dental service, within the meaning  
47 and intent of this Act, who shall, for a fee, salary, compensation, or any form of  
48 reward, paid to him or through another, or even without such compensation or  
49 reward, perform any operation or part of an operation, upon the human mouth, jaw,  
50 teeth and surrounding tissue; prescribe drugs or medicines for the treatment of oral



1 diseases and lesions; or correct malpositions of the teeth: Provided, however, That this  
2 provision shall not apply to artisan or technicians engaged in the mechanical  
3 construction of artificial dentures or fixtures and other oral devices, as long as none  
4 such procedures is done inside the mouth of the patient, nor shall this provision apply  
5 to students of dentistry undergoing practice training in a legally constituted dental  
6 school or college under the direction or supervision of a member of the faculty who is  
7 duly licensed to practice dentistry in the Philippines; or to registered dental hygienist  
8 serving as dentists' assistants who may be allowed to perform oral prophylaxis and  
9 such other procedures which the law regulating the practice of dental hygienists may  
10 permit.]

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12 [Section 15. Exemption from Registration. - Certificates of registration shall  
13 not be required of commissioned dental officers of the army, navy and air forces of  
14 any foreign country, whose operations in the Philippines are permitted by the  
15 Government, while rendering services as such for the members of said forces only;  
16 and of dentist or oral surgeons from other countries who are invited for consultations  
17 or demonstrations, Provided, that in such cases their work shall be limited to the  
18 specific tasks assigned to them and Provided further, that a previous authority has  
19 been granted by the board of Dental Examiners who shall have been the discretion to  
20 determine the duration of said authority, but in no cases shall it exceed the period of  
21 thirty days.]

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23 [Section 16. Frequency of Examination. - Licensure examinations for  
24 candidates desiring to practice dentistry in the Philippines shall be conducted by the  
25 Board twice a year in Manila, the first examination to be held not earlier than two  
26 months nor later than three months after the termination of the school year, the  
27 second one to be held six months thereafter, subject to the approval of the  
28 Commissioner of the Civil Service. The Board shall publish or cause to be published  
29 the dates of examination, or any change thereof, at least ninety days before the  
30 scheduled examinations.]

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33 SECTION [17] 14. *Qualifications for Admission to THE LICENSURE*  
34 *Examination.* [In order to be admitted to the licensure examination for dentists, an  
35 applicant must, at the time of filing his application therefore, establish to the  
36 satisfaction of the Board that: (a) he is a citizen of the Philippines; (b) he possesses  
37 good moral character; (c) he had finished at least a two-year pre-dental course which  
38 complies with the minimum requirements of the Council on Dental Education; and  
39 (d) he shall be a holder of the degree of either Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.), or  
40 Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.), or their equivalents, conferred by a recognized and  
41 legally constituted university, college, school or institute.]

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- a) HE / SHE IS A CITIZEN AND RESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES,
- b) HE / SHE IS OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER;
- c) HE / SHE HAS NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE; AND
- d) HE / SHE IS A GRADUATE OF A RECOGNIZED AND LEGALLY CONSTITUTED UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, SCHOOL OR INSTITUTE CONFERRED WITH A DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF DENTAL MEDICINE (D.M.D) OR ITS EQUIVALENT.

**B) *FOR DENTAL HYGIENE.* AN APPLICANT MUST, AT THE TIME OF FILING HIS / HER APPLICATION THEREOF, ESTABLISH TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE BOARD THAT:**

- a) HE / SHE IS A CITIZEN AND RESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES;
- b) HE / SHE IS OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER;
- c) HE / SHE HAS NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE; AND
- d) HE / SHE FINISHED A TWO-YEAR CERTIFICATE IN DENTAL HYGIENE CONFERRED BY A RECOGNIZED AND LEGALLY CONSTITUTED UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, SCHOOL, OR INSTITUTE OF DENTISTRY.

**C) *FOR DENTAL TECHNOLOGY.* AN APPLICANT MUST, AT THE TIME OF FILING HIS / HER APPLICATION, ESTABLISH TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE BOARD THAT:**

- a) HE / SHE IS A CITIZEN AND RESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES;
- b) HE / SHE IS OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER;
- c) HE / SHE FINISHED A TWO-YEAR CERTIFICATE IN DENTAL TECHNOLOGY CONFERRED BY A RECOGNIZED AND LEGALLY CONSTITUTED UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, SCHOOL, OR INSTITUTE OF DENTISTRY; AND
- d) HE / SHE HAS UNDERGONE ON THE JOB-TRAINING IN A REGISTERED/ACCREDITED DENTAL LABORATORY FOR AT LEAST SIX (6) MONTHS.

1 SECTION [18] 15. *Scope of Examination.* [The licensure examination for the  
2 practice of dentistry in the Philippines shall consist of both written and performance  
3 tests, the scope of which shall be determined and prescribe by the Board, taking into  
4 consideration the teaching plans and education standards of the state and private  
5 dental colleges in the country. It shall includes such subjects as general anatomy, oral  
6 anatomy, general histology, oral histology and embryology, general histology, oral  
7 histology and embryology, general pathology, oral pathology, general physiology, oral  
8 physiology, pharmacology, microbiology, biochemistry, oral diagnosis and treatment  
9 planning, oral surgery, anesthesia, dental roentgenology, periodontics, endodontics,  
10 nutrition, dental materials, restorative dentistry, prosthodontics, orthodontics, public  
11 health dentistry, dental jurisprudence, dental economics, ethics, and private  
12 management. It shall be the duty of the Board to prepare the schedule of subjects in  
13 the written and performance tests and to publish the same as approved at least two  
14 months before the date of examination wherein they are to be used.] AN  
15 EXAMINATION SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE LICENSURE APPLICANTS FOR  
16 DENTISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS, AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGISTS, WHICH  
17 SHALL INCLUDE, THEORY AND PERFORMANCE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO  
18 THE FOLLOWING:

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20 A) *FOR DENTISTRY:* GENERAL ANATOMY, ORAL ANATOMY, GENERAL  
21 AND MICROSCOPIC ANATOMY AND EMBRYOLOGY, GENERAL AND  
22 ORAL PHYSIOLOGY, GENERAL AND ORAL PATHOLOGY,  
23 PHARMACOLOGY, MICROBIOLOGY, NUTRITION, DENTAL  
24 MATERIALS, RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY, PROSTHODONTICS,  
25 ORTHODONTICS, PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY ANESTHESIOLOGY, ORAL  
26 DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT PLANNING, ENDODONTICS  
27 PERIODONTICS, ROENTGENOLOGY, ORAL SURGERY, DENTAL  
28 JURISPRUDENCE AND ETHICS, COMMUNITY DENTISTRY AND  
29 PRACTICE MANAGEMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP;

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31 B) *FOR DENTAL HYGIENE:* ORAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY, DENTAL  
32 MATERIALS, PERIODONTOLOGY, ROENTGENOLOGY, PREVENTIVE  
33 DENTISTRY, PEDODONTICS, DENTAL ANESTHESIA AND  
34 PHARMACOLOGY, PATHOLOGY, AND DENTAL JURISPRUDENCE AND  
35 ETHICS; AND

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37 C) *FOR DENTAL TECHNOLOGY:* ORAL ANATOMY, ORAL PHYSIOLOGY,  
38 COMPLETE FIXED AND REMOVABLE PROSTHODONTICS CERAMICS,  
39 ORTHODONTIC APPLIANCES, DENTAL MATERIALS, DENTAL  
40 JURISPRUDENCE AND ETHICS.

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42 THE BOARD MAY RECLUSTER, REARRANGE, MODIFY, ADD OR  
43 EXCLUDE AND PRESCRIBE SUBJECTS AS THE NEED ARISES.

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46 SECTION 16. *RATING IN THE LICENSURE EXAMINATION.* TO BE  
47 QUALIFIED AS HAVING PASSED THE LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR  
48 DENTISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS, AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGISTS, A  
49 CANDIDATE MUST OBTAIN A GENERAL WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF AT LEAST

1 SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT (75%) WITH NO RATING BELOW SIXTY PERCENT  
2 (60%) IN ANY SUBJECT.  
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5 SECTION [19] 17. *Report of Ratings.* [The Board of Dental Examiners shall,  
6 within one hundred days after the last day of the examination, report the ratings  
7 obtained by each candidates to the Commissioner of Civil Service who shall, with his  
8 recommendations, submit such results to the President of the Philippines for approval  
9 and release. Failure on the part of the Board to report to the ratings within the  
10 specified time shall mean forfeiture of fifty percent of the compensation due the  
11 members of the Board in that particular examination.] THE BOARD SHALL SUBMIT  
12 TO THE COMMISSION THE RATINGS OBTAINED BY EACH CANDIDATE  
13 WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY OF EXAMINATION  
14 UNLESS EXTENDED FOR JUST CAUSE. UPON THE RELEASE OF THE RESULTS  
15 OF THE EXAMINATION, THE COMMISSION SHALL SEND BY MAILING THE  
16 RATING RECEIVED BY EACH EXAMINEE AT HIS / HER GIVEN ADDRESS  
17 USING THE MAILING ENVELOPE SUBMITTED DURING THE EXAMINATION.  
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20 SECTION 18. *FAILING CANDIDATES TO TAKE REFRESHER COURSE.*  
21 ANY CANDIDATE WHO FAILS IN THREE (3) COMPLETE DENTAL  
22 EXAMINATIONS SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM TAKING ANOTHER SET OF  
23 EXAMINATIONS UNLESS HE / SHE SUBMITS EVIDENCE TO THE  
24 SATISFACTION OF THE BOARD THAT HE / SHE ENROLLED IN AND  
25 COMPLETED AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR (24) UNITS OF SUBJECT GIVEN IN THE  
26 LICENSURE EXAMINATION.  
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29 SECTION 19. *OATH.* ALL SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES IN THE  
30 EXAMINATION SHALL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE AN OATH OF PROFESSION  
31 BEFORE ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR BEFORE ANY PERSON  
32 AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO ADMINISTER OATHS UPON PRESENTATION OF  
33 PROOF OF HIS / HER QUALIFICATION, PRIOR TO ENTERING UPON THE  
34 PRACTICE OF THE PROFESSION.  
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37 SECTION 20. *ROSTER OF REGISTERED DENTISTS.* A ROSTER SHOWING  
38 THE NAMES AND PLACE OF BUSINESS OF ALL REGISTERED DENTISTS SHALL  
39 BE PREPARED AND UPDATED BY THE BOARD, AND COPIES THEREOF SHALL  
40 BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ANY PARTY AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY.  
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42 [20]  
43 SECTION 21. *ISSUANCE OF [Certificates] THE CERTIFICATE OF*  
44 *REGISTRATION / PROFESSIONAL LICENSE AND PROFESSIONAL*  
45 *IDENTIFICATION CARD.* [Certificate of registration as dentist shall, upon the  
46 recommendation of the Board, be issued to any applicant who, after the approval of  
47 his ratings by the Commissioner of Civil Service and the President of the Philippines  
48 and the payment of the required registration fee, \*has satisfactorily met all the  
49 requirements specified in this Act. Provided, however, That no certificate of

1 registration shall be issued to any applicant who has not reached the age of twenty-  
2 one years.

3 Every certificate of registration shall show the full name of the registrant, shall have a  
4 serial number, and must be signed by the chairman and members of the Board, the  
5 Commissioner of Civil Service and the secretary of the Board, and shall be  
6 authenticated by the official seal of the Board. The issuance by the Board of a  
7 certificate of registration to the registrant shall be evidence that the person named  
8 therein is entitled to all the rights and privileges of a registered dentist while said  
9 certificate remains unrevoked or unsuspended.]

10 A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION / PROFESSIONAL LICENSE SHALL  
11 BE ISSUED TO EXAMINEES WHO PASS THE LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR  
12 DENTISTRY, DENTAL HYGIENE AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGY, UPON  
13 PAYMENT OF FEES AS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSION.  
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15 THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION / PROFESSIONAL LICENSE SHALL  
16 BEAR THE SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION AND  
17 THE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD STAMPED WITH THE  
18 OFFICIAL SEALS OF BOTH THE BOARD AND THE COMMISSION, STATING  
19 THAT THE PERSON NAMED THEREIN IS ENTITLED TO PRACTICE THE  
20 PROFESSION WITH ALL THE BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES APPERTAINING  
21 THERETO. THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION / PROFESSIONAL LICENSE  
22 SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE AND EFFET UNTIL REVOKED OR SUSPENDED IN  
23 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ACT.  
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25 A PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD BEARING THE  
26 REGISTRATION NUMBER, DATE OF ISSUANCE, EXPIRY DATE, DULY SIGNED  
27 BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION SHALL LIKEWISE BE ISSUED TO  
28 EVERY REGISTRANT UPON PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES. THE  
29 PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD SHALL BE RENEWED EVERY THREE  
30 (3) YEARS.  
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32 [21]  
33 SECTION 22. *Fees for Examination and Registration.* Every applicant to the  
34 licensure examination for dentistry, DENTAL HYGIENE, DENTAL TECHNOLOGY  
35 shall pay an examination fee [of sixty pesos and a fee of ten pesos for registration]  
36 AND A REGISTRATION FEE AS MAY BE DETERMINED AND FIXED BY THE  
37 COMMISSION.  
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40 SECTION [22] 23. *Refusal to Issue Certificates OF REGISTRATION AND*  
41 *PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD [of Certain] for Cause[s].* The Board [of  
42 Dental Examiners] shall refuse to issue a certificate of registration to any [person]  
43 SUCCESSFUL EXAMINEE OR TO ANY EXAMINEE REGISTERED WITHOUT  
44 EXAMINATION WHO HAS BEEN convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of  
45 any offense involving moral turpitude[, and to any person] or has been found guilty of  
46 immoral or dishonorable conduct, or [to persons] has been declared to be of unsound  
47 mind[, or those suffering from communicable or contagious disease] AFTER  
48 INVESTIGATION BY THE BOARD. [In the event of such refusal, the Board shall

1 give the applicant a written statement setting forth the reason or reasons for its  
2 action, which statement shall be incorporated in the records of the Board.]

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4 The Board shall give the applicant a written statement setting forth the reasons  
5 for such action, which statement shall be incorporated in the records of the Board.

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8 SECTION [23] 24. *Revocation or Suspension of Certificate[s] OF*  
9 *REGISTRATION / PROFESSIONAL LICENSE AND PROFESSIONAL*  
10 *IDENTIFICATION CARD AND CANCELLATION OF TEMPORARY / SPECIAL*  
11 *PERMIT.* The Board shall [also] have the power, UPON DUE NOTICE AND  
12 HEARING, to revoke or suspend the validity of the certificate of registration /  
13 PROFESSIONAL LICENSE AND PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD of a  
14 dentist, DENTAL HYGIENIST, OR DENTAL TECHNOLOGIST OR CANCEL HIS /  
15 HER SPECIAL PERMIT for any of the causes mentioned in the preceding section [.] ;  
16 or for unprofessional and unethical conduct [.] ; malpractice, incompetence, or  
17 serious ignorance or negligence in the practice of [dentistry] his / her profession [.] ;  
18 willful destruction or mutilation of a natural tooth of a patient with the deliberate  
19 purpose of substituting the same by an unnecessary or unessential artificial tooth [.] ;  
20 for [making use of] fraud, deceit or false statements to obtain a certificate of  
21 registration / PROFESSIONAL LICENSE AND PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION  
22 CARD [.] ; [for alcoholism and habitual use of intoxicating liquors or drugs, causing  
23 him to become incompetent to practice dentistry; for the employment of persons who  
24 are not duly authorized to do the work which under this Act can only be done by  
25 persons who have certificates of registration to practice dentistry in the Philippines;  
26 for the employment of deceit or any form of fraud with the public in general or some  
27 clients in particular for the purpose of extending his clientele; for making false  
28 advertisements, publishing or circulating fraudulent or deceitful allegations regarding  
29 his professional attainment, skill or knowledge, or the methods of treatment  
30 employed by him: Provided, however, That be action of the Board in the exercise of  
31 this power shall be appeasable only to the President\* of the Philippines whose  
32 decision in such cases shall be final.] AND FOR FRAUD IN THE CONDUCT OF HIS  
33 PROFESSION.

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37 SECTION [24] 25. [Reissue of Revoked Certificate and Replacement of Lost  
38 One] *REINSTATEMENT, REISSUANCE, OR REPLACEMENT OF REGISTRATION /*  
39 *PROFESSIONAL LICENSE AND PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD.* The  
40 Board may, after the expiration of five (5) from the date of revocation of a certificate  
41 of registration / PROFESSIONAL LICENSE AND PROFESSIONAL  
42 IDENTIFICATION CARD, UPON APPLICATION and for reasons it may deem  
43 sufficient, [entertain any person whose certificate has been revoked, in the same  
44 manner as application for an original certificate,] reinstate any revoked certificate of  
45 registration / professional license and reissue a professional identification card, and  
46 in so doing, may in its discretion, exempt the applicant from [the necessity of  
47 undergoing] TAKING another examination. [A fee of ten pesos shall be charged for  
48 the issuance of a new certificate in place of another previously revoked. A new  
49 certificate of registration to replace any certificate lost, destroyed or mutilated may be  
50 issued subject to the rules of the Board and a charge of five pesos shall be made.]

1 SECTION 26. *ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL / TEMPORARY PERMIT TO*  
2 *FOREIGNERS.* CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED  
3 OF (1) COMMISSIONED DENTAL OFFICERS OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR  
4 FORCE OF ANY FOREIGN WHOSE APPLICATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES ARE  
5 PERMITTED BY THE GOVERNMENT WHILE RENDERING DENTAL SERVICE  
6 AS SUCH FOR THE MEMBERS OF SAID FORCES ONLY; AND (2) FOREIGN  
7 DENTISTS AND ORAL SURGEONS WHO ARE INVITED FOR CONSULTATION  
8 DEMONSTRATIONS, MEDICAL MISSIONS OR UNDER AN EXCHANGE  
9 VISITORS PROGRAM AS A MEMBER OF TEACHING FACULTY: *PROVIDED,*  
10 THAT IN SUCH CASES THEIR WORK SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE SPECIFIC  
11 TASK ASSIGNED TO THEM; *PROVIDED, FURTHER,* THAT A SPECIAL PERMIT  
12 HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY GRANTED BY THE BOARD AND THE COMMISSION  
13 STATING THEIR THE DURATION OF SUCH PERMIT; *PROVIDED FINALLY,*  
14 THAT THE BOARD MAY DESIGNATE THE ACCREDITED PROFESSIONAL  
15 ORGANIZATION, THOUGH ITS CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS AND AFFILIATES  
16 TO MONITOR SUCH ACTIVITIES.

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19 [Article V]

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21 [The Council of Dental Education]

22 [Section 25 Functions. - The Council on Dental Education shall be a policy-  
23 making body under the Secretary of Education charge with the responsibility of  
24 regulating standardizing dental education in the country. To be effective in carrying  
25 its objectives, the Council shall have the following functions: (a) to recommend the  
26 minimum requirements of the pre-dental I course; (b) to recommend the minimum  
27 requirement of the regular dental course; (c) determine and prescribe the minimum  
28 requirements for the physical plants and other facilities of schools or college of  
29 dentistry; (d) to determine and prescribe the minimum number of qualifications of  
30 teaching personnel, including student-teacher ratio; (e) to require internship or any  
31 form of hospital training in a teaching hospital as a prerequisite to graduation in a  
32 dental college, provided that no such requirement shall be made effective earlier than  
33 two years after the approval of this Act; (f) to inspect or visit schools or colleges in  
34 connection with the functions of the Council as herein provided; and (g) to adopt and  
35 enforce such rules and regulations as are necessary for the proper implementation of  
36 the objective of the Council.]

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38 [Section 26 Composition. - The Council on Dental Education shall be  
39 composed of the Secretary of Education as chairman; the Undersecretary of Education  
40 as vice-chairman; the Director of Public Schools, the chairman of the Board of Dental  
41 Examiners, the President of the Philippine Dental Association or any other bona fide  
42 national dental association, a dean representative of private dental colleges, and the  
43 dean of the College of Dentistry, University of the Philippines, as members. The  
44 chairman and members of the Council shall serve as such only during their  
45 incumbency in their respective positions.]

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1 [Section 27 Secretary of the Council. - The Council on Dental Education may  
2 designate the administrative officer or any subordinate official of the Department of  
3 Education to serve as secretary of the Council, and as such he shall keep a complete  
4 record of the proceedings, communications and deliberations of the Council.]

5 [Section 28 Compensation. - The chairman, members, and secretary of the  
6 Council on Dental Education shall not be entitled to any compensation, except those  
7 authorized by their respective offices and such other expenses as are necessary in the  
8 performance of their official duties as herein provided.]

9 [Section 29 Sessions. - The Council shall hold its regular sessions every month  
10 at such time and place to be designated by the Chairman of the Council. Special  
11 sessions may be called by the chairman or upon the request of petition of a majority  
12 of the members of the Council.]

13 [Section 30 Authority. - The Council is hereby authorized by this Act to  
14 determine, prescribe or modify the length of studies for the pre-dental and the  
15 regular dental course, Provided, that the preparatory course shall not be less than two  
16 years nor more than four years, and in the case of the regular course, it shall not be  
17 less than four years nor more than six years.]

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19 **[Article VI The Council for the Advance of Dental Research]**  
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21 [Section 31 Functions. - The Council for the Advancement of Dental Research  
22 shall be a policy-making body, charge with the responsibility of promoting and  
23 developing dental research in the country. In order to carry its objectives, the Council  
24 shall have the following functions: (a) To devise and work out a plan to establish a  
25 dental center, with the promotion of dental research as its principal goal; (b) To  
26 determine and recommend the raising of the necessary funds to finance this research  
27 project, either through the solicitation of funds from private sources or by direct  
28 government appropriation or financing; (c) To enlist the aid or cooperation of such  
29 government or private entities as may be necessary; and (d) To adopt and implement  
30 such measures, rules and regulations as are necessary for the carrying out of the  
31 objectives of the Council.]

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33 [Section 32 Composition. - The Council for the Advancement of Dental  
34 Research shall be composed of the Chairman of the National Science Development  
35 Board, as chairman; a representative of the Philippine Dental Association or any other  
36 bona fide national dental association, a representative of the National Science  
37 Development Board, a representative of the Board of Dental Examiners; and a  
38 representative of the Council on Dental Education, as members. The Chairman and  
39 members of the Council shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines with  
40 the consent of the Commission on Appointments for a term of five years, unless  
41 sooner terminated by the expiration of their tenure of office in their respective  
42 positions.]



1 [Section 33 Secretary of the Council. - The Council for the Advancement of  
2 Dental Research may designate any members to serve as secretary of the Council, and  
3 as such shall keep a complete records of the proceedings, communications and  
4 deliberations of the Council.]

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6 [Section 34 Compensation. - The chairman, members and secretary of the  
7 Council for the Advancement of Dental Research shall not be entitled to any  
8 compensation except those authorized by their respective offices and such other  
9 expenses as are necessary in the performance of their respective duties as herein  
10 provided.]

11 [Section 35 Sessions. - The Council shall hold its regular session once every  
12 two months at such time and place to be designated by the chairman of the Council.  
13 Special sessions may be called by the chairman whenever necessary.]

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16 ARTICLE IV

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18 PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY, DENTAL HYGIENE  
19 AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGY  
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22 SECTION 27. *CODE OF ETHICS AND CODE OF DENTAL PRACTICE.*  
23 THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT AND PROMULGATE THE CODE OF ETHICS AND  
24 CODE OF DENTAL PRACTICE OF DENTISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND  
25 DENTAL TECHNOLOGISTS PRESCRIBED AND ISSUED BY THE ACCREDITED  
26 PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION OF DENTISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND  
27 DENTAL TECHNOLOGISTS AND OTHER DENTAL AUXILIARIES AS THE NEED  
28 ARISES.  
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31 SECTION 28. *PROHIBITION IN THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY, DENTAL*  
32 *HYGIENE, OR DENTAL TECHNOLOGY.* NO PERSON SHALL PRACTICE  
33 DENTISTRY IN THIS COUNTRY, OR USE THE TITLE "DOCTOR OF DENTAL  
34 MEDICINE," OR USE THE ABBREVIATED TITLE "DR. OR D.M.D." OR DISPLAY  
35 ANY TITLE, SIGN, CARD, ADVERTISEMENT, OR OTHER DEVICE TO INDICATE  
36 SUCH PERSON PRACTICES OR OFFERS TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY, OR IS A  
37 REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENIST, OR A REGISTERED DENTAL  
38 TECHNOLOGIST, UNLESS SUCH PERSON SHALL HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE  
39 BOARD A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION / PROFESSIONAL LICENSE AND  
40 PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD OR A VALID TEMPORARY / SPECIAL  
41 PERMIT ISSUED TO HIM / HER BY THE BOARD OR THE COMMISSION.  
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43 SECTION 29. *VESTED RIGHTS.* ALL DENTISTS, DENTAL  
44 TECHNOLOGISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS REGISTERED AT THE TIME  
45 THIS LAW TAKES EFFECT SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BE REGISTERED UNDER  
46 THE PROVISIONS HEREOF, SUBJECT HOWEVER TO THE PROVISIONS

1 HEREIN SET FORTH AS TO FUTURE REQUIREMENTS. CERTIFICATES OF  
2 REGISTRATION/ PROFESSIONAL LICENSE HELD BY SUCH PERSONS IN  
3 GOOD STANDING SHALL HAVE THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS  
4 THOUGH ISSUED AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT.

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7 SECTION 30. *REGISTRATION WITHOUT EXAMINATION FOR*  
8 *DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGISTS.* A PERSON WHO  
9 POSSESSES THE EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR  
10 ADMISSION IN THE EXAMINATION FOR DENTAL HYGIENIST OR DENTAL  
11 TECHNOLOGIST PURSUANT TO THIS ACT MAY BE REGISTERED WITHOUT  
12 EXAMINATION: *PROVIDED, HOWEVER,* THAT THE APPLICANT FILES WITH  
13 THE BOARD WITHIN THREE (3) YEARS THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT,  
14 AN APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AND ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF  
15 REGISTRATION/ . PROFESSIONAL LICENSE AND PROFESSIONAL  
16 IDENTIFICATION CARD, BY SUBMITTING PROOF TO SHOW THAT, BEFORE  
17 THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT:

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19 1) HE / SHE HAD BEEN GIVEN A CERTIFICATE IN DENTAL HYGIENE OR  
20 DENTAL TECHNOLOGY BY A DULY RECOGNIZED SCHOOL OR  
21 INSTITUTION AND AT LEAST THREE (3) YEARS ACTUAL EXPERIENCE  
22 AS DENTAL HYGIENIST OR DENTAL TECHNOLOGIST IN AN  
23 ACCREDITED OR LICENSED DENTAL CLINIC OR LABORATORY; OR  
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25 2) HE / SHE HAD BEEN PRACTICING AS A DENTAL HYGIENIST OR  
26 DENTAL TECHNOLOGIST FOR AT LEAST FIVE (5) YEARS I A LICENSED  
27 DENTAL LABORATORY OR CLINIC UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A  
28 DENTIST OR HAD ATTENDED A TRAINING COURSE GIVEN BY AN  
29 ACCREDITED SCHOOL OR INSTITUTION.

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33 SEC 31. *INTEGRATION OF DENTIST, DENTAL HYGIENIST AND*  
34 *DENTAL TECHNOLOGISTS.* ALL REGISTERED DENTISTS, DENTAL  
35 HYGIENISTS AND DENTAL TECH. SHALL BE INTEGRATED IN THEIR  
36 RESPECTIVE NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH SHALL BE RECOGNIZED  
37 BY THE BOARD AND ACCREDITED BY THE COMMISSION AS THE ONE  
38 AND ONLY ACCREDITED INTEGRATED ASSOCIATION TO WHICH ALL  
39 DENTISTS, DENTAL HYGIENIST AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGISTS SHALL  
40 BELONG. HENCEFORTH, ALL DENTIST, DENTAL HYGIENIST AND  
41 DENTAL TECHNOLOGISTS TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE BOARD SHALL  
42 AUTOMATICALLY BECOME A MEMBER OF THE ACCREDITED  
43 INTEGRATED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION UPON PAYMENT OF  
44 REQUIRED FEES AND DUES. MEMBERSHIP IN THE ACCREDITED AND  
45 INTEGRATED ORGANIZATION SHALL NOT BE A BAR TO MEMBERSHIP  
46 IN OTHER ASSOCIATIONS OF DENTISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND  
47 DENTAL TECHNOLOGISTS.

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ARTICLE V

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

**SEC. 32. INCREASE IN THE SALARY GRADE LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT DENTAL STAFF.** THE PRESENT SALARY GRADE LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT DENTISTS SHALL BE UPGRADED. DENTIST I SHALL BE UPGRADED FROM SALARY GRADE 13 TO 17. DENTIST II SHALL BE UPGRADED FROM SALARY GRADE 16 TO 20. DENTIST III SHALL BE UPGRADED FROM SALARY GRADE 19 TO 23. DENTIST IV SHALL BE UPGRADED FROM SALARY GRADE 22 TO 26. DENTIST V SHALL BE UPGRADED FROM SALARY GRADE 24 TO 28. DENTAL AIDE SHALL BE UPGRADED FROM SALARY GRADE 4 TO 10. THE SALARY UPGRADING WILL BE DIFFERENTIATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE QUALIFICATIONS AND LENGTH OF SERVICE RENDERED BY GOVERNMENT DENTAL STAFF AND SHALL NOT BE PREJUDICED BY ACROSS THE BOARD SALARY ADJUSTMENTS.

ARTICLE VI

PENAL AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

**SEC [36] 33. Penal Provisions.** THE FOLLOWING INFRACTIONS SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P 200,000.00) NOR MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00) OR TO SUFFER IMPRISONMENT FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN TEN (10) YEARS AND ONE (1) DAY NOR MORE THAN TWENTY (20) YEARS, OR BOTH, IN THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT:

- a. Any person who shall practice dentistry, DENTAL HYGIENE, OR DENTAL TECHNOLOGY in the Philippines as defined in this Act, without a certificate of registration issued in accordance with the provisions of this Act, or has been declared exempt.
- b. Any of those who practice the profession to whom the definition of the practice of dentistry, DENTAL HYGIENE, OR DENTAL TECHNOLOGY does not apply;
- c. Any licensed dentist who shall abet the illegal practice dentistry;
- d. Any person who shall give any false or forged evidence to the Board in obtaining a certificate of registration;
- e. Any person who shall impersonate an registrant of like of different name;
- f. Any person who shall use a revoked or suspended certificate of registration;

1 g. Any person who shall assume, use or advertise as a bachelor of dental  
2 surgery, doctor of dental surgery, master of dental surgery, licentiate of  
3 dental surgery, doctor of dental medicine, or dental surgeon, DENTAL  
4 HYGIENIST OR DENTAL TECHNOLOGISTS OR MASTER OF DENTAL  
5 HYGIENE OR MASTER OF DENTAL TECHNOLOGY or append to his  
6 name the letters D.D.S., L.D.S.; or D.M.D.D.H., D.T. or M.D.H, M.D.T.  
7 without having been conferred such title or degree in a legally constituted  
8 school, college or university, duly recognized and authorized to confer the  
9 same or other degrees; AND

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11 h. Any person who advertise any title or description tending to convey the  
12 impression that he/she is a dentist, DENTAL HYGIENISTS, AND DENTAL  
13 TECHNOLOGISTS without holding valid certificates of registration from  
14 the Board.  
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17 **SEC 34. DISPLAY OF NAME AND CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION.**

18 Every registered practicing dentist, DENTAL HYGIENIST, AND DENTAL  
19 TECHNOLOGIST shall display in a conspicuous place in the building or office  
20 where he/she practices, his/ her name and his/her certificate of registration in  
21 plain sight of patients WHO ENTER THE DENTAL OFFICE, OR DENTAL CLINIC  
22 OR DENTAL LABORATORY. IN CASE THE DENTIST HAS MORE THAN ONE  
23 (1) CLINIC, THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION SHOULD BE  
24 DISPLAYED AT HIS / HER MAIN OFFICE OR CLINIC.  
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27 **SEC 35. FOREIGN RECIPROCITY.** No foreign dentists shall be given a  
28 certificate of registration/ professional license to practice and be entitled to any of the  
29 privileges under this Act unless the country of which he/she is a subject or citizen  
30 specifically permits Filipino dentists to practice within its territorial limits on the  
31 same basis as the subjects or citizens of such foreign state or country under  
32 reciprocity and other international agreements: **PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT HE /**  
33 **SHE PASSED THE LICENSURE EXAMINATION GIVEN BY THE BOARD IN THE**  
34 **PHILIPPINES.**  
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37 **SEC 36. ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ACT.** It shall be the duty of all constituted  
38 officers of the law of the national, provincial, city, municipal OR BARANGAY  
39 LEVEL OF THE GOVERNMENT, to enforce the provisions of this Act AS WELL AS  
40 THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTINENT THERETO, AND to prosecute any  
41 person violating the same. The Secretary of Justice shall act as the legal adviser of the  
42 Board of Dentistry and shall render such legal assistance as may be necessary in  
43 carrying out the provisions of this Act.  
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46 **SEC 37. FUNDING PROVISION.** THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROFESSIONAL  
47 REGULATION COMMISSION SHALL IMMEDIATELY INCLUDE IN THE  
48 COMMISSION'S PROGRAMS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT, THE  
49 FUNDING OF WHICH SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL  
50 APPROPRIATIONS ACT.

1           **SEC 38. TRANSITORY PROVISION.** THE EXISTING BOARD OF  
2 DENTISTRY SHALL CONTINUE TO FUNCTION IN THE INTERIM UNTIL SUCH  
3 TIME THAT THE NEW PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
4 SHALL BE CONSTITUTED PURSUANT TO THIS ACT.

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7           **SEC 39. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.** THE BOARD, IN  
8 COORDINATION WITH THE ACCREDITED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION  
9 AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION, SHALL PROMULGATE,  
10 ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT  
11 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

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14           **SEC 40. Separability Clause.** ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT OR AN  
15 APPLICATION THEREOF TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD TO BE  
16 INVALID, THE OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, AND THE APPLICATION OF  
17 SUCH PROVISION TO OTHER PERSONS OR CIRCUMSTANCES, SHALL NOT BE  
18 AFFECTED THEREBY.

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21           **SEC 41. Repealing Clause.** REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4419 AND REPUBLIC ACT  
22 NO. 768, ARE HEREBY AMENDED. All other laws or portions thereof, orders,  
23 ordinances, rules and regulations in conflict with the provisions of this Act as pertain  
24 to the practice of Dentistry, **DENTAL HYGIENE AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGY**  
25 shall be, and are hereby repealed, AMENDED, OR MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY..

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28           **SEC 42 Effectivity Clause.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following  
29 its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general  
30 circulation, whichever comes first.

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33 *Approved,*