

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 209

BY REPRESENTATIVE COUSSAN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

DENTISTRY/HYGIENISTS: Establishes a licensure exemption for dental hygiene students

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:752(3), relative to the practice of dental hygiene; to exempt  
3 from licensure the practice of dental hygiene by students; and to provide for related  
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:752(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §752. Exemptions from license

8 The licensing provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to:

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10 (3)(a) Dental schools or colleges approved by the Louisiana State Board of  
11 Dentistry; the practice of dentistry by students in dental schools or colleges approved  
12 by the board when acting under the direction and supervision of registered dentists,  
13 licensed and acting as instructors or professors; interns in any hospital or institution,  
14 but not residents.

15 (b) Dental hygiene schools or colleges approved by the Louisiana State  
16 Board of Dentistry; the practice of dental hygiene by students in dental or dental  
17 hygiene schools or colleges approved by the board when acting under the direction  
18 and supervision of registered dentists or dental hygienists, licensed and acting as  
19 instructors or professors; interns in any hospital or institution, but not residents.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 209 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Exempts from licensure the practice of dental hygiene by students in approved dental or dental hygiene schools or colleges.

Present law requires individuals who perform dentistry and dental hygiene in this state to be licensed by La. State Board of Dentistry (LSBD).

Proposed law exempts from the licensure requirements all of the following:

- (1) Dental hygiene schools or colleges approved by the LSBD.
- (2) The practice of dental hygiene by students in dental or dental hygiene schools or colleges approved by the LSBD when acting under the direction and supervision of registered dentists or dental hygienists, licensed and acting as instructors or professors.
- (3) Interns in any hospital or institution, but not residents.

(Amends R.S. 37:752(3))