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#### DIGEST

Present law provides that the authority for the administration of nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia, enteral conscious sedation, parenteral conscious sedation, deep sedation, and general anesthesia shall be limited to qualified dentists licensed by the board for use on dental patients.

Proposed law retains present law and expands the administration of nitrous oxide to dental hygienists licensed by the board and who have obtained a permit for the administration of nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia.

Proposed law further provides that the dental hygienist shall administer nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia under the direct supervision of a dentist licensed by the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry to whom the board has issued a permit to administer nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia.

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(Amends R.S. 37:793(G); adds R.S. 37:793(B)(5))