

GOVERNOR SIGNS INTO LAW 3 BILLS AFFECTING DENTAL AND DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSEES

THE BILLS: Effective July 1, the following bills are in force and may affect your license:

HB 587
HB 699
HB 1157

FINDING THE BILLS ON LINE: To read the full text, go to: www.flsenate.gov and enter the bill number in the search box to the left of the screen. At the next screen select the “ER” version under the “Bills” tab.

SUMMARY OF BILLS: The following are brief summaries and are not a substitute for reading the full bill text. Please go to the above listed web site and read the full bill text:

BILL #1. HB 587-Relating to Health Care Practitioners/Licensees:

All health care licensees must provide notice to patients of what type of license the health care provider has (e.g., Psychologist, Medical Doctor, ARNP, Physician Assistant, Dentist, Dental Hygienist, etc):

- A name tag meets the requirement,
- An oral notice to patient meets the requirement,
- Advertisement must include this notice as well,
- Exemptions apply to Chapter 394, 395, and 400 facilities, and
- Boards may promulgate rules to further define compliance with the statute.

BILL # 2. HB 699-Relating to Health Care Practitioners:

Continuing education requirements for dentist and dental hygienist licenses are changed as follows:

- Domestic Violence CE is no longer required for initial licensure,
- Domestic Violence CE is now a 2-hour requirement every third renewal. Course need only be taken once every 6 years.
- Removes requirement for HIV/AIDS course for initial licensure, but course must be completed no later than first renewal

BILL # 3. HB 1157 An Act Relating to Dental charting by dental hygienists

- Dental Hygienist may perform dental screenings/charting without supervision in certain locations such as nursing homes, county health departments, community health departments, mobile dental or health units
- Board will approve content of charting and disclosure forms (this was referred to the rules committee on June, 23, 2006 for rule drafting)

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THAT MAY AFFECT YOUR PRACTICE**