

CHAPTER 5

AN ACT concerning continuing education for dental hygienists and amending P.L.1979, c.46.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Section 9 of P.L.1979, c.46 (C.45:6-56) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:6-56 Requirement of continuing education.

9. a. (1) Every two years, at the time of license renewal, each person licensed to practice dental hygiene in this State shall provide the board with a certified statement, upon a form issued and distributed by the board, that such licensed person has attended, or participated in not less than 20 hours of continuing education in dental hygiene as follows: lectures or study club sessions dealing with clinical subjects, college post-graduate courses, scientific sessions of conventions, research on clinical subjects, service as a clinician or any other such evidence of continuing education which the board may approve.

(2) Every two years, at the time of registration renewal, each person registered as a registered dental assistant or limited registered dental assistant in this State shall provide the board with a certified statement, upon a form issued and distributed by the board, that such registered person has attended, or participated in not less than 10 hours of continuing education in dental assisting as follows: lectures or study club sessions dealing with clinical subjects, college post-graduate courses, scientific sessions of conventions, research on clinical subjects, service as a clinician or any other such evidence of continuing education which the board may approve.

b. The board shall notify each licensed or registered person of any failure to comply with this requirement, and shall further notify said person that upon continued failure to comply for a period of three months from the date of notice, the board may, at its discretion take action pursuant to section 11 of this act.

c. The board, in its discretion, may waive any of the requirements of this section in cases of certified illness or undue hardship to be determined on an individual basis.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 19, 2005.