



SENATE BILL 1926

By Massey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 63, Chapter 5, relative to dental professions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-5-106, is amended by adding the following to the end of the section:

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SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Amendment No. 1 to SB1926

Crowe
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 1926*

House Bill No. 1991

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-5-108(c), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(6) Prior to a dentist seeing a new or existing patient, a dental hygienist working under direct supervision of the dentist may:

- (A) Complete diagnostic radiographs;
- (B) Assess and record existing hard and soft tissue data;
- (C) Perform prophylaxis on new or existing patients; and
- (D) Apply fluoride agents.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-5-108(h)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(1) Notwithstanding a law to the contrary, the practice of dental hygiene also includes prescriptive authority limited to fluoride agents, topical oral anesthetic agents, silver diamine fluoride, curodont, sealants, and desiccation therapy that:

- (A) Are not controlled substances under state and federal drug laws; and
- (B) Do not require a license from the federal drug enforcement agency.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-5-108(h)(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(4) The board shall determine by rule the educational and training requirements necessary for a dental hygienist to exercise prescriptive authority pursuant to this section, including a training course for the placement of silver diamine fluoride.

SECTION 4. For the purposes of promulgating rules, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2026, the public welfare requiring it.

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Amendment No. 2 to SB1926

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by deleting "July 1, 2026" in SECTION 4 and substituting "January 1, 2027".

Amendment No. 3 to SB1926

Massey
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 1926*

House Bill No. 1991

by deleting SECTION 1 and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-5-108(c), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(6) Prior to a dentist seeing a new patient, a dental hygienist working under direct supervision of the dentist, or, prior to a dentist seeing an existing patient, a dental hygienist working under general supervision of the dentist may:

- (A) Complete diagnostic radiographs;
- (B) Assess and record existing hard and soft tissue data;
- (C) Perform prophylaxis; and
- (D) Apply fluoride agents.