

House Bill 256

The KY Board of Dentistry, KY Dental Association, KY Dental Hygienists' Association, KY Academy of General Dentistry, University of Louisville Dental School, University of Kentucky Dental School and the Department for Public Health began working on this bill in early 2009.

The goal was to make the antiquated and out of date Dental Practice Act more user friendly for dental professionals and increase access to care for citizens of KY.

House Bill 256 Summary:

Reorganizes the current dental practice act into a more uniform and easily understood law

Adds ex-officio members to the board- the dental and dental hygiene schools and KY Public Health Dept

Adds an additional RDH member to board

Allows RDH's to place sealants, fluoride tx, OHI and nutritional counseling without the supervision of a dentist in a volunteer community health setting

Creates a Public Health Dental Hygienist who must work for a public health dept under KY Public Health Dept protocols and may work without the supervision of a dentist

Sets higher standards for those desiring placement on the board

Clearly defines responsibilities of the executive director

Clearly defines the role of dental auxiliary

Strengthens the disciplinary section

Clearly defines the complaint resolution process

Clearly defines the sanctions for discipline

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