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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1022

S. P. 309

In Senate, February 9, 1965

Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

Presented by Senator Snow of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Authorized Acts of Dental Hygienists and Penalty for Exceeding Such Authority.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 32, § 1054, repealed and replaced. Section 1054 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘§ 1054. Authorized acts; penalty for exceeding

Only assistants who have been certified as dental hygienists shall be employed by registered or licensed dentists to operate x-ray machines for the purpose of dental diagnosis, and make oral examinations by mouth mirror and explorer for the detection of cavities, and remove lime deposits, accretions and stains from the exposed surfaces of the teeth and directly beneath the free margin of the gum and make local applications of medicaments to the surfaces of the teeth and gums, but shall not perform any other operation on the teeth or mouth or on any diseased tissues of the mouth. They may operate in the office of any registered or licensed dentist or in any public or private institution or for the Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Dental Health, under the general supervision of a registered or licensed dentist. The board may revoke the license of any registered or licensed dentist who shall permit any dental hygienist operating under his supervision to perform any operation other than that permitted under this section.’