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S. P. 102

In Senate, January 23, 1947.

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Clough of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Dentists and Dental Hygienists.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 103, § 5, amended. Section 5 of chapter 103 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 5. Persons exempt from serving as jurors. The following persons are exempt from serving as jurors and their names shall not be placed on the list: the governor, councilors, judges, clerks and deputy clerks of common law courts, secretary and treasurer of state, all officers of the United States, judges and registers of probate, registers of deeds, settled ministers of the gospel, officers of colleges, school teachers, physicians and surgeons, **dentists**, nurses, cashiers of incorporated banks, sheriffs and their deputies, counselors and attorneys at law, county commissioners, county treasurers, and constables. Enginemen of fire departments shall also be excused from serving as jurors in any court, unless their towns otherwise decide.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 66, § 20, amended. Section 20 of chapter 66 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 20. Dental hygienists; powers; duties; license of registered dentist to be revoked for violation. Any registered or licensed dentist may employ women assistants who shall be known as dental hygienists. Such dental hygienists may **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 medicants to the surfaces of the teeth and gums,** but shall not perform any other operation on the teeth or mouth or on any deceased tissues of the mouth. They may operate in the office of any registered or licensed dentist or in any public or private institution 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 hygienists operating under his supervision to perform any operation other than that permitted under the provisions of this section.'