

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2328**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Twelve**  
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An Act to increase the presence of dental hygienists on the board of registration in dentistry.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 19 of chapter 13 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by  
2 striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: -

3           There shall be a board of registration in dentistry in the following 2 sections called the  
4 board, consisting of 11 persons, each of whom shall be a legal resident of the commonwealth, to  
5 be appointed by the governor; 6 of whom shall be graduates of a reputable dental college and be  
6 reputable dentists who have maintained a license to practice dentistry in the commonwealth for  
7 the 8 years next preceding his appointment; 2 of whom shall be a graduate of a reputable school  
8 of dental hygiene and be reputable dental hygienists who have maintained a license to practice  
9 dental hygiene in the commonwealth for the 5 years next preceding his appointment; 1 of whom  
10 shall be a dental assistant in the commonwealth for the 5 years next preceding his appointment;  
11 and 2 of whom shall be representatives of the public , subject to the provisions of section 9B. No  
12 more than 1 member of the board who is a dentist may be a full time member of the faculty or a  
13 trustee of any institution engaged in educating dentists or having power to confer degrees in  
14 dentistry. The governor shall appoint annually in April, for a term of 5 years, a successor to those

- 15 members of the board whose terms are expiring in that month. No member shall serve more than
- 16 2 full terms.