

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5446**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending sections 16605 and 16608 (MCL 333.16605 and 333.16608),  
section 16605 as amended by 2018 PA 463 and section 16608 as  
amended by 2002 PA 643.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 16605. The following words, titles, or letters, or a  
2       combination of any of those words, titles, or letters, with or  
3       without qualifying words or phrases, are restricted in use only to  
4       those individuals who are authorized under this part to use the  
5       following terms and in a way prescribed in this part: "dentist",  
6       "doctor of dental surgery", "oral and maxillofacial surgeon", "**oral**  
7       **and maxillofacial radiologist**", "orthodontist", "prosthodontist",



"periodontist", "endodontist", "oral pathologist", "pediatric dentist", "**dentist anesthesiologist**", "dental hygienist", "registered dental hygienist", "dental assistant", "registered dental assistant", "dental therapist", "r.d.a.", "d.d.s.", "d.m.d.", "r.d.h.", and "d.t.".

Sec. 16608. (1) The board may issue a health profession specialty field license to a ~~licensed~~ dentist who has advanced training beyond that required for initial licensure and who has demonstrated competency through examination or other evaluative processes in 1 or more of the following health profession specialty fields: prosthodontics, endodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, ~~or~~ oral pathology, **oral medicine, orofacial pain, dental public health, oral and maxillofacial radiology, or dental anesthesiology**. A ~~licensed~~ dentist who ~~holds~~ **held** a health profession specialty certification in 1 or more of the health profession specialty fields ~~listed in this subsection on the effective date of the amendatory act that added subsections (3) and (4) of~~ **prosthodontics, endodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, or oral pathology on December 23, 2002** is considered to hold a health profession specialty field license **on that date** in each of those health profession specialty fields and may obtain renewal of each health profession specialty field license on the expiration date of the specialty certification.

(2) A health profession specialty field license issued ~~pursuant to~~ **under** subsection (1) ~~shall~~ **must** be renewed concurrently with the license to practice dentistry.

(3) This section does not prohibit a ~~licensed~~ dentist who has



1 not been issued a health profession specialty field license under  
2 subsection (1) from performing services in 1 or more of the health  
3 profession specialty fields listed in subsection (1).

4 (4) For purposes of the administration of the general rules of  
5 the board ~~of dentistry in the Michigan administrative code,~~  
6 **Administrative Code**, a reference to specialty certification is a  
7 reference to a health profession specialty field license.