

In the introductory clause to subsection (a) of this section, the phrase "by law" is new language added to recognize that, under other provisions of the Code, a licensed dentist is authorized to practice dentistry in a corporation. See the Maryland Professional Service Corporation Act in Title 5, Subtitle 1 of the Corporations and Associations Article. This change conforms to actual practice.

Also as to subsection (a) of this section, the language "a business entity" is substituted for "any corporation, association, partnership, parlor, or any entity or association of any kind or character". The revision more clearly expresses the apparent intent behind the present language.

As to certification of health maintenance organizations, see Art. 43, § 843 of the Code.

4-604. RESERVED.

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4-606. PENALTIES.

(A) UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY.

A PERSON WHO PRACTICES OR ATTEMPTS TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY WITHOUT A LICENSE IN VIOLATION OF § 4-601(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE OR REPRESENTS TO THE PUBLIC IN VIOLATION OF § 4-602 OF THIS SUBTITLE THAT THE PERSON IS AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO:

(1) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$2,000 OR IMPRISONMENT IN JAIL NOT EXCEEDING 6 MONTHS; OR

(2) FOR A SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$6,000 OR IMPRISONMENT IN THE STATE PENITENTIARY NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR.

(B) UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF DENTAL HYGIENE.

A PERSON WHO PRACTICES OR ATTEMPTS TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE WITHOUT A LICENSE IN VIOLATION OF § 4-601(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE, AIDS OR ABETS UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF DENTAL HYGIENE IN VIOLATION OF § 4-601(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE, OR REPRESENTS TO THE PUBLIC IN VIOLATION OF § 4-602 OF THIS SUBTITLE THAT THE PERSON IS AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.

(C) DENTAL LABORATORY WORK OFFENSE; ADVERTISING DENTAL APPLIANCE.