

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

**House Bill No. 485**

AN ACT concerning

**Dental Hygienists - ~~General~~ Supervision**

FOR the purpose of ~~allowing a dental hygienist to practice dental hygiene under the general supervision of a dentist in certain places~~ authorizing the State Board of Dental Examiners to waive the supervision requirements for dental hygienists under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board to conduct certain ~~hearings~~ public informational meetings and inspections under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to maintain certain records; requiring certain changes to be reported to the Board; requiring the Board to take certain actions on applications for waivers of supervision requirements for dental hygienists within certain time frames; deeming the acceptance of certain applications under certain circumstances; prohibiting a dental hygienist from owning or operating a dental practice or a dental hygiene practice; defining certain terms; and generally relating to dental hygienists, dentistry, and ~~general~~ supervision.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Health Occupations  
Section 4-101 and 4-308(d) and (e)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1991 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article - Health Occupations  
Section 4-315(a)(12) and (b)(4)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1991 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article - Health Occupations  
Section 4-605  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1991 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Health Occupations**

4-101.