

(2) Utility companies that currently use the old railroad right-of-way;  
and

(3) Citizens who have been granted property access across the old railroad right-of-way.

(d) The Department shall report its findings and recommendations under this Act to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article by January 1, 1999.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Department of Transportation utilize existing resources to examine and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of preserving or acquiring rights-of-way in accordance with Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1998. It shall remain effective until December 31, 1998, and at the end of December 31, 1998, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 21, 1998.

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## CHAPTER 595

(Senate Bill 275)

AN ACT concerning

### Oral Health - Dental Hygienists - Access to Care

FOR the purpose of authorizing a dental hygienist to practice under general supervision of a dentist without a the dentist being required to be on the premises; ~~altering a certain definition; limiting a dental hygienist to treating only certain patients under certain circumstances; eliminating the requirement that a dental hygienist obtain a certain waiver from the State Board of Dental Examiners before being able to treat patients without a dentist being on the premises; requiring a dentist to maintain on record and provide to a dental hygienist an agreement allowing a dental hygienist to perform appropriate duties; repealing the authority of the State Board of Dental Examiners to waive certain supervision requirements for certain facilities; requiring a facility in which a dental hygienist is authorized to practice under general supervision to ensure that certain conditions are met; requiring that a facility that operates under general supervision report certain information to the Board; providing for the construction of certain provisions of this Act; defining a certain term; requiring the Board to make certain reports to the General Assembly; providing for the termination of this Act;~~ and generally relating to the practice of dental hygiene.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,