

65-1422. Persons deemed to be practicing dentistry. A person shall be deemed to be practicing dentistry:

(a) Who performs, or attempts or professes to perform, any dental operation or oral surgery or dental service of any kind, gratuitously or for a salary, fee, money or other remuneration paid, or to be paid directly or indirectly, to such person or to any other person or agency who is a proprietor of a place where dental operations, oral surgery or dental services are performed; or

(b) who directly or indirectly, by any means or method, takes impression of the human tooth, teeth, jaws or performs any phase of any operation incident to the replacement of a part of a tooth; or

(c) who supplies artificial substitutes for the natural teeth, or who furnishes, supplies, constructs, reproduces or repairs any prosthetic denture, bridge, appliance or any other structure to be worn in the human mouth, except on the written prescription of a licensed dentist; or

(d) who places such appliance or structure in the human mouth, or adjusts or attempts or professes to adjust the same, or delivers the same to any person other than the dentist upon whose prescription the work was performed; or

(e) who professes to the public by any method to furnish, supply, construct, reproduce or repair any prosthetic denture, bridge, appliance or other structure to be worn in the human mouth; or

(f) who diagnoses, or professes to diagnose, prescribe for, or professes to prescribe for, treats, or professes to treat, disease, pain, deformity, deficiency, injury or physical condition of the human teeth or jaws, or adjacent structure; or

(g) who extracts, or attempts to extract, human teeth, or corrects or attempts to correct, malformations of teeth or of the jaws; or

(h) who repairs or fills cavities in the human teeth; or

(i) who diagnoses, makes and adjusts appliances to artificial casts or malposed teeth for treatment of the malposed teeth in the human mouth, with or without instruction; or

(j) who uses a roentgen or x-ray machine for the purpose of taking dental x-rays or roentgenograms; or

(k) who gives, or professes to give, interpretations or readings of dental x-rays or roentgenograms; or

(l) who administers an anesthetic of any nature in connection with a dental operation; or

(m) who uses the words dentist, dental surgeon, oral surgeon, or the letters D.D.S., D.M.D., or any other words, letters, title or descriptive matter which in any way represents oneself as being able to diagnose, treat, prescribe or operate for any disease, pain, deformity, deficiency, injury or physical condition of the teeth or jaws or adjacent structures; or

(n) who states, or professes, or permits to be stated or professed by any means or method whatsoever that such person can perform or will attempt to perform dental operations or render a diagnosis connected therewith.

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