

An additional Registered Dental Hygienists on BORID

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PRESENCE OF DENTAL HYGIENISTS ON THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN DENTISTRY **SB 2328** was signed into Law on January 9, 2013.

This increased the number of Registered Dental Hygienists on BORID from one to two.

BORID CONSISTS OF: 6 Dentists, 2 Hygienists, 2 Public Members, 1 Dental Assistant

About the Board

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Dentistry is responsible for licensing dentists and dental hygienists for practice in the Commonwealth, establishing rules, regulations, and policies governing the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene and dental assisting, and investigating complaints against licensed dental professionals.

Board members are appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth for up to two 5-year terms, and serve without compensation. They monitor licensee's practice of dentistry to ensure the public that services are provided in accordance with state statutes, Board regulations and policies, including ethical standards.

The Board is responsible for registering qualified applicants for licensure in dentistry and dental hygiene, including initial licensees and those who have licenses in other jurisdictions who wish to practice in Massachusetts. It also is responsible for issuing limited and faculty dental licenses and facility and practitioner permits for anesthesia administration.