AN ACT RELATIVE TO DENTAL HYGIENISTS

ABOUT THE BILL

This legislation would enable dental hygienists who have obtained a special permit and undergone necessary training to administer nitrous oxide to patients while under the direct supervision of a dentist.

Did you know?

For more than 40 years, dental hygienists have safely administered nitrous oxide to patients under the supervision of dentists in 35 states that have passed similar legislation.

It is time for us to remove this artificial barrier which is decreasing access to care for patients in the Commonwealth who require nitrous oxide for their treatment.
Allowing dental hygienists to administer nitrous oxide ensures equitable access to care by:

- Granting greater and easier access to a proven and advantageous method for reducing anxiety associated with dental procedures.
- Improving efficiency for busy dentists who can devote more attention to patients by increasing the number of nitrous oxide administrators.
- Encouraging professional development that allows dental hygienists greater ease to practice their skills.

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