

1 H.824

2 Introduced by Representatives Cordes of Lincoln, Hooper of Burlington, and

3 Lanpher of Vergennes

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Health; professions and occupations; dentists; anesthesia

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that  
8 whenever a dental procedure requires the use of conscious or deep sedation or  
9 general anesthesia another qualified health care professional must be present in  
10 addition to the dentist or dental therapist performing the procedure.

11 An act relating to required medical personnel for dental procedures using  
12 sedation or anesthesia

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. § 566 is amended to read:

15 § 566. DENTAL AND NONDENTAL ANESTHESIA

16 (a) When a dentist or dental therapist performs a dental procedure requiring  
17 the administration of conscious sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia,  
18 the sedation or anesthesia shall be administered and monitored at all times by a  
19 separate health care professional who shall be physically present before and

1 during the procedure and while the patient is in recovery and who shall be one  
2 of the following health care professionals:

3 (1) a dentist or dental therapist licensed under this chapter who holds the  
4 appropriate sedation or anesthesia endorsement or specialty from the Board;

5 (2) an anesthesiologist licensed to practice medicine under chapter 23 or  
6 33 of this title who has completed a residency in anesthesiology approved by  
7 the American Board of Anesthesiology or the American Osteopathic Board of  
8 Anesthesiology or their predecessors or successors; or

9 (3) a certified registered nurse anesthetist licensed under chapter 28 of  
10 this title.

11 (b) A dentist may administer nondental anesthesia if he or she meets the  
12 following requirements:

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14 ~~(b)~~(c) The Board shall refer a complaint or disciplinary proceeding about a  
15 dentist arising from ~~his or her~~ the dentist's administration of nondental  
16 anesthesiology to the Board of Medical Practice, which shall have jurisdiction  
17 to investigate and sanction and limit or revoke the dentist's license to the same  
18 extent that it may for physicians licensed under chapter 23 of this title.

19 Sec. 2. 26 V.S.A. § 582 is amended to read:

20 § 582. AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD

