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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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I oppose Bill 3223 - Please, do not remove training and certification requirements for Expanded Function Dental Assistant's. EFDA'S perform professional level procedures and should continue to be held to higher standards. We need to continue to ensure our healthcare workers are competent, provide quality patient care, and avoid putting patients at risk of injury.

Here is a short list of EFDA procedures, and the potential dangers if done incorrectly:

1) Coronal Polishing:

DAMAGE AND REMOVAL OF ENAMEL SURFACE, DAMAGE TO INNER PULP TOOTH STRUCTURE BY WAY OF FRICTIONAL HEAT, DAMAGE TO RESTORATIONS SUCH AS CROWNS AND VENEERS

2) Placing and Removing Matrix Retainers:

DAMAGE TO GINGIVAL TISSUE INCLUDING RISK OF PATIENT SWALLOWING METAL FOREIGN OBJECTS SUCH AS BANDS AND RINGS, RISK OF PATIENT ASPIRATION/INHALATION OF FOREIGN OBJECTS INTO LUNGS, FAILED DENTAL FILLINGS AS A RESULT OF MATRIX BAND PLACEMENT ERRORS

3) Placing Dental Sealants:

FAILED SEALANTS CAN CAUSE EXTENSIVE COSTLY RESTORATIVE WORK, CHEMICAL HAZARDS OF PHOSPHORIC ACID ETCHANT BURNS OF THE MOUTH AND THROAT

4) Packing Gingival Cord:

TISSUE TRAUMA / INJURY TO SULCULAR EPITHELIUM, ABCESS POTENTIAL, CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM EFFECTS WITH USE OF GINGIVAL RETRATCTION CORDS

I want to thank you for taking the time to look into this matter.

I also invite any questions that you may have of me, I would be glad to help you wherever I can.

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