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AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY, DENTAL HYGIENE AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGY IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4419, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 768, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF DENTAL HYGIENISTS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

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### ARTICLE I

TITLE, STATEMENT OF POLICY, OBJECTIVES,  
AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as "The Philippine Dental Act of 2005".

1            *SEC. 2. Statement of Policy.* – The State recognizes the importance of  
2 dentists, dental hygienists and dental technologists in nation-building. Hence,  
3 it shall develop and nurture competent, productive, morally upright and well  
4 rounded dentists, dental hygienists and dental technologists whose standards of  
5 professional practice and service shall be excellent, qualitative, world-class  
6 and *internationally recognized*, globally competitive through regulatory  
7 measures, programs and activities that foster their continuing professional  
8 development.

9            *SEC. 3. Objectives.* – This Act provides for:

10            (a) The regulation, control and supervision of the practice of dentistry,  
11 dental hygiene and dental technology in the Philippines;

12            (b) The giving of licensure examination to graduates of recognized  
13 schools of dentistry, dental hygiene and dental technology for the purpose of  
14 registration;

15            (c) The accreditation of the various specialties of dentistry;

16            (d) The promotion and development of continuing dental education  
17 and research in the country;

18            (e) The enforcement of the Code of Ethics and Code of Dental  
19 Practice in the Philippines; and

20            (f) The stipulation of penalties for infractions or violations of this Act  
21 or any other laws, rules and regulations authorized under the provisions of this  
22 Act.

23            *SEC. 4. Definition and Scope of Practice.* –

24            (a) “Dentist” refers to a person who is a holder of a valid certificate of  
25 registration and professional identification card in dentistry who renders dental  
26 service within the meaning and intent of this law and who, for a fee, salary,  
27 compensation or reward, paid to him/her or through another, or even without

1 such compensation or reward, performs any operation or part of an operation,  
2 upon the human oral cavity, jaws, teeth and surrounding tissues; prescribes  
3 drugs or medicines for the treatment of oral diseases or lesions, or prevents  
4 and/or corrects malpositions of the teeth or implantation of artificial  
5 substitutes for lost teeth; and teaches subjects in the licensure examination or  
6 engages in dental research: *Provided, however,* That this provision shall not  
7 apply to dental technologists engaged in the mechanical construction of  
8 artificial dentures or fixtures or other oral devices, as long as none of such  
9 procedures is done inside the mouth of the patient; nor shall this provision  
10 apply to students of dentistry undergoing practical training in a legally  
11 constituted dental school or college under the direction or supervision of a  
12 member of the faculty who is duly licensed to practice dentistry in the  
13 Philippines; or to registered dental hygienists who may be allowed to perform  
14 preventive oral hygiene procedures and other procedures or to dentistry  
15 graduates working as dental assistants to licensed and registered dentists  
16 authorized to practice dentistry in the Philippines; who are engaged in private  
17 practice: *Provided, further,* That these dentistry graduates work under their  
18 direct supervision.

19 (b) "Dental hygienist" refers to a person who is a holder of a valid  
20 certificate of registration and professional identification card and has  
21 undergone a two-year course in dental hygiene from a government-recognized  
22 school under a college of dentistry and passing the prescribed board  
23 examination for dental hygienist, renders oral health promotion and preventive  
24 measures, performs scaling and polishing, oral examination, taking brief  
25 clinical history, taking radiograph, and giving oral health education to patients  
26 under the supervision of a licensed dentist.

1 (c) "Dental technologist" refers to a person who is a holder of a valid  
2 certificate of registration and professional identification card and who renders  
3 technical services such as mechanical construction of artificial denture and  
4 other oral devices under the supervision of a licensed dentist, and has finished  
5 a two-year certificate course in dental technology from any government-  
6 recognized school.

## 7 ARTICLE II

### 8 THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF DENTISTRY

9 SEC. 5. *Composition of the Board.* – There is hereby created a  
10 Professional Regulatory Board of Dentistry, hereinafter referred to as the  
11 Board, under the administrative control and supervision of the Professional  
12 Regulation Commission (PRC), hereinafter referred to as the Commission,  
13 composed of a chairman and four members who shall be appointed by the  
14 President of the Philippines from the recommendees chosen and ranked by the  
15 Commission from a list of nominees submitted by the accredited and  
16 integrated professional organization.

17 SEC. 6. *Powers and Functions of the Board.* – The Board shall have  
18 the following powers and functions:

19 (a) Promulgate, administer and enforce rules and regulations necessary  
20 for carrying out the provisions of this Act;

21 (b) Administer oaths in connection with the administration of this Act;

22 (c) Study the conditions affecting the practice of dentistry, dental  
23 hygiene and dental technology in the Philippines;

24 (d) Adopt or recommend such measures or discharge such duties, as  
25 may be deemed proper for the advancement of the profession and the vigorous  
26 enforcement of this Act;

1 (e) Ensure, in coordination with the Commission on Higher Education  
2 (CHED), the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority  
3 (TESDA), the accredited professional organization, and the Association of  
4 Dental Colleges, that all educational institutions offering dentistry, dental  
5 hygiene and dental technology comply with the policies, standards and  
6 requirements of the course prescribed by the CHED or the TESDA in the areas  
7 of curriculum, faculty, library and facilities;

8 (f) Supervise and regulate the registration, licensure and practice of  
9 dentistry, dental hygiene and dental technology in the Philippines;

10 (g) Adopt an official seal of the Board;

11 (h) Issue, reinstate, suspend or revoke the certificate of registration and  
12 professional identification card or cancel special permits for the practice of  
13 dentistry, dental hygiene and dental technology;

14 (i) Prescribe and/or adopt a Code of Ethics and a Code of Dental  
15 Practice for the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene and dental technology;

16 (j) *Prescribe guidelines and criteria in the Continuing Professional*  
17 *Education (CPE) program for dentistry, dental hygiene and dental technology;*

18 (k) Hear or investigate any violation of this Act, its implementing rules  
19 and regulations, and the Code of Ethics for dentists as shall come to the  
20 knowledge of the Board and for this purpose, issue a *subpoena duces tecum* to  
21 secure the appearance of witnesses and the production of documents in  
22 connection therewith;

23 (l) Accredit various specialties, dental societies/organizations; and

24 (m) *Perform such other powers and functions as it may deem necessary*  
25 *to carry out the objectives of this Act.*

1            SEC. 7. *Qualification of the Chairman and Members of the Board.* –

2     The chairman and members of the Board shall, at the time of his/her  
3     appointment, possess the following qualifications:

4            (a) Be a natural-born citizen of the Philippines and a resident thereof;

5            (b) Be a duly registered dentist in the Philippines with a valid  
6     certificate of registration and professional identification card;

7            (c) Be a member of good standing of the accredited professional  
8     organization for the last five years: *Provided*, That a member of the Board  
9     may not qualify in any position, whether elective or appointive or serve as an  
10    officer of the accredited and integrated professional organization of dentists,  
11    dental hygienists and dental technologists during his/her incumbency as such;

12           (d) Have at least ten (10) years of continuous experience as a dentist  
13    and preferably with three years of teaching experience;

14           (e) Not be a member of the faculty of any school, college or university  
15    where undergraduate and graduate courses in dentistry are taught and where  
16    dental hygiene and dental technology courses and review courses are offered,  
17    nor shall have, directly or indirectly, any pecuniary interest in such institution;  
18    and

19           (f) Not be connected in any capacity with any business enterprise, firm  
20    or company in the buying, selling or manufacture of dental goods, equipment,  
21    materials or supplies.

22           SEC. 8. *Term of Office.* – The chairman and the members of the Board  
23    shall serve for a term of three years from the date of their appointments and  
24    may be reappointed for another term. The member serving the last year of his  
25    term shall automatically become the chairman of the Board and shall not be  
26    able to succeed himself/herself immediately after the expiration of his/her term  
27    of office so that the term of one member shall be due to expire every year:

1 *Provided, however,* That all appointments as chairman shall be approved by  
2 the President: *Provided, further,* That an appointment for any existing  
3 vacancy or vacancies shall be made within one month from the time the  
4 vacancy occurred and shall be for the unexpired portion of the term only.

5 SEC. 9. *Compensation and Allowances of the Board.* – The chairman  
6 and members of the Board shall receive compensation and allowances  
7 comparable to that being received by the chairman and members of existing  
8 regulatory boards under the Commission as provided for in the annual General  
9 Appropriations Act.

10 SEC. 10. *Suspension and Removal from Office.* – Any member of the  
11 Board may, upon the recommendation of the Commission after due process of  
12 law and investigation conducted by the Commission, be suspended or removed  
13 by the President from office for cause such as neglect of duty, abuse of power,  
14 oppression, incompetence, unprofessional, unethical, immoral or dishonorable  
15 conduct, commission or toleration of irregularities in the conduct of  
16 examination or tampering of the grades therein, or for any final judgment or  
17 conviction of any criminal offense involving moral turpitude by the court after  
18 having been given the opportunity to defend himself/herself in a proper  
19 administrative investigation.

20 SEC. 11. *Supervision of the Board.* – The secretary of the Board shall  
21 be appointed by the Commission subject to the provisions of existing laws and  
22 all records and minutes of the deliberation of proceedings of the Board and  
23 other confidential documents shall be kept under the direct custody of the  
24 Commission. The Commission shall provide the secretariat and other support  
25 services to implement the provisions of this Act.

26 SEC. 12. *Annual Report.* – The Board shall, within sixty (60) days  
27 after the close of each fiscal year, prepare and submit an annual report to the

1 Commission, giving a detailed account of the proceedings of the Board during  
2 the year, recommending measures to be adopted, with the end in view of  
3 upgrading and improving the conditions affecting the practice of dentistry in  
4 the Philippines.

### 5 ARTICLE III

#### 6 LICENSURE EXAMINATION AND REGISTRATION

7 SEC. 13. *Examination Required.* – All applicants for registration for  
8 the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene and dental technology shall be  
9 required to undergo a licensure examination to be given by the Board in such  
10 places and dates as the Commission may designate subject to the compliance  
11 with the requirements prescribed by the Commission in accordance with  
12 Republic Act No. 8981.

13 SEC. 14. *Qualification for Admission to the Licensure Examination.* –

14 (a) For Dentistry – An applicant for the licensure examination for  
15 dentists shall establish to the satisfaction of the Board that:

16 (1) He/she is a citizen of the Philippines, or if a foreigner, must prove  
17 that the country of which he/she is a subject or citizen permits Filipino dentists  
18 to practice within its territorial jurisdiction on the same basis as the subjects or  
19 citizens of such country;

20 (2) He/she has not been convicted of an offense involving moral  
21 turpitude;

22 (3) He/she is a graduate of a recognized and legally constituted  
23 university, college, school or institute with a degree of doctor of dental  
24 medicine or its equivalent; and

25 (4) He/she has completed the refresher course required after failing  
26 three consecutive licensure examinations.



1 (b) For Dental Hygiene – In order to be admitted to the licensure  
2 examination for dental hygienists, an applicant must at the time of filing his  
3 application thereof, establish to the satisfaction of the Board that:

4 (1) He/she is a citizen of the Philippine;

5 (2) He/she possesses good moral character;

6 (3) He/she had finished the two years certificate in dental hygiene  
7 conferred by a recognized and legally constituted college or school of  
8 dentistry registered with the TESDA; and

9 (4) He/she has completed the refresher course required after failing  
10 three consecutive licensure examinations.

11 (c) For Dental Technology – In order to be admitted to the licensure  
12 examination for dental technology, an applicant must, at the time of filing  
13 his/her application thereof, establish to the satisfaction of the Board that:

14 (1) He/she is a citizen of the Philippines;

15 (2) He/she possesses good moral character;

16 (3) He/she had finished the two years certificate in dental technology  
17 conferred by a recognized and legally constituted college or school of  
18 dentistry registered with the TESDA;

19 (4) He/she has undergone an on-the-job training in a  
20 registered/accredited dental laboratory for at least six months; and

21 (5) He/she has completed the refresher course required after failing  
22 three consecutive licensure examinations.

23 *SEC. 15. Scope of Examination.* – An examination shall be given to the  
24 licensure applicants for dentists, dental hygienists and dental technologists  
25 which shall include, but not limited to, the following:

26 (a) For Dentists – general anatomy, oral anatomy, general and  
27 microscopic anatomy and embryology, general and oral physiology, general

1 and oral pathology, pharmacology, microbiology, nutrition, dental materials,  
2 restorative dentistry, prosthodontics, orthodontics, pedodontics, pediatric  
3 dentistry, oral physiology, anesthesiology, oral diagnosis and treatment  
4 planning, endodontics, periodontics, roentgenology, oral surgery, dental  
5 jurisprudence and ethics, community dentistry and practice management.

6 (b) For Dental Hygienists – oral anatomy and physiology, dental  
7 materials, periodontology, roentgenology, preventive dentistry, pedodontics,  
8 dental anesthesia and pharmacology, pathology, dental jurisprudence and  
9 ethics, and basic computer.

10 (c) For Dental Technologists – oral anatomy, oral physiology,  
11 complete, fixed and removable prosthodontics, ceramics, orthodontic  
12 appliances, dental materials, dental jurisprudence and ethics, and basic  
13 computer.

14 The Board may recluster, rearrange, modify, add or exclude and  
15 prescribe subjects as the need arises.

16 SEC. 16. *Ratings in the Examinations.* – The licensure examination  
17 shall consist of both written and practical tests and in order to pass the  
18 examination, an examinee must obtain a general weighted average of at least  
19 seventy-five percent (75%), with no rating below fifty percent (50%) in any  
20 subject.

21 SEC. 17. *Report of the Results of the Examinations.* – The Board shall  
22 submit to the Commission the ratings obtained by each candidate within  
23 twenty (20) days after the last day of examination unless extended for just  
24 cause.

25 SEC. 18. *Oath.* – All successful examinees and registrants without  
26 examination shall be required to take a professional oath before any member

1 of the Board or any other person authorized by the Commission or by law  
2 before they start their practice.

3         SEC. 19. *Issuance of the Certificate of Registration and Professional*  
4 *Identification Card.* – A certificate of registration shall be issued to examinees  
5 who pass the licensure examination for dentistry subject to payment of fees  
6 prescribed by the Commission. The certificate of registration shall bear the  
7 signature of the chairperson of the Commission and the chairman and  
8 members of the Board stamped with the official seal of the Board and the  
9 Commission, indicating that the person named therein is entitled to practice  
10 the profession with all the benefits and privileges appurtenant thereto. The  
11 certificate of registration shall remain in force and effect until revoked or  
12 suspended in accordance with this Act.

13         A professional identification card bearing the registration number, date  
14 of issuance, expiry date, duly signed by the chairperson of the Commission  
15 shall likewise be issued to every registrant upon payment of the required fees.  
16 The professional identification card shall be renewed every three years upon  
17 payment of fees and upon satisfying the requirements of the Board.

18         SEC. 20. *Fees for Examination and Registration.* – Every applicant to  
19 the licensure examination for dentistry shall pay an examination fee and a  
20 registration fee as determined and fixed by the Commission.

21         SEC. 21. *Refusal to Issue Certificates for Certain Causes.* – The Board  
22 shall refuse to issue a certificate of registration to any successful examinee or  
23 to any examinee registered without examination who has been convicted by a  
24 court of competent jurisdiction of any criminal offense involving moral  
25 turpitude or has been found guilty of immoral or dishonorable conduct after  
26 investigation by the Board, or has been declared to be of unsound mind. The  
27 reason for the refusal shall be set forth in writing.

1           SEC. 22. *Revocation or Suspension of Certificate of Registration and*  
2 *Professional Identification Card and Cancellation of Temporary/Special*  
3 *Permit.* – The Board shall have the power to recommend the nullification or  
4 suspension of the validity of the certificate of registration and professional  
5 identification card of a dentist, dental technologist/dental hygienist or the  
6 cancellation of a temporary/special permit for any of the causes mentioned in  
7 the preceding section, or for:

8           (a) Unprofessional and unethical conduct;

9           (b) Malpractice;

10          (c) Incompetency, serious ignorance or negligence in the practice of  
11 dentistry, dental hygiene and dental technology;

12          (d) Willful destruction or mutilation of a natural tooth of a patient with  
13 the deliberate purpose of substituting the same by an unnecessary or  
14 unessential artificial tooth;

15          (e) For making use of fraud, deceitful or false statement to obtain a  
16 certificate of registration;

17          (f) For alcoholism or drug addiction causing him/her to become  
18 incompetent to practice dentistry, dental hygiene and dental technology;

19          (g) For the employment of persons who are not duly authorized to do  
20 the work which, under this Act, can only be done by persons who have  
21 certificates of registration to practice dentistry, dental hygiene and dental  
22 technology in the Philippines;

23          (h) For the employment of deceit or any form of fraud with the public  
24 in general or some clients in particular for the purpose of extending his/her  
25 clientele;

1 (i) For making false advertisements, publishing or circulating  
2 fraudulent or deceitful allegations regarding his/her professional attainment,  
3 skill or knowledge, or methods of treatment employed by him; or

4 (j) Utter disregard and continue violation of any of the provisions of  
5 this Act: *Provided*, That the action of the Board in the exercise of this power  
6 shall be appealable to the Commission.

7 SEC. 23. *Reinstatement, Reissuance or Replacement of Certificate of*  
8 *Registration and Professional Identification Card.* – Two years after the date  
9 of revocation, the Board may, upon application and for reasons deemed proper  
10 and sufficient, reinstate any revoked certificate of registration and reissue a  
11 professional identification card; and in so doing, the Board may, in its  
12 discretion, exempt the applicant from taking another examination.

13 SEC. 24. *Issuance of Special/Temporary Permit to Foreigners.* –  
14 Certificates of registration shall not be required of: (a) commissioned dental  
15 officers of the army, navy and air force of any foreign country whose  
16 operations in the Philippines are permitted by the government while rendering  
17 dental service as such for the members of said forces only; and (b) of dentists  
18 and oral surgeons from other countries who are invited for consultation,  
19 demonstrations, medical missions or under an exchange visitor program as a  
20 member of a teaching faculty: *Provided*, That in such cases their work shall  
21 be limited to the specific task assigned to them, and: *Provided, further*, That a  
22 special permit has been previously granted by the Board and the Commission  
23 stating therein the duration of such permit: *Provided, furthermore*, That the  
24 Board may designate the accredited professional organization, through its  
25 constituent chapters and affiliates, to monitor such activities.

## ARTICLE IV

PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY, DENTAL HYGIENE  
AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGY

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4       SEC. 25. *Code of Ethics and Code of Dental Practice for Dentists.* –  
5 The Board shall adopt and promulgate the Code of Ethics and Code of Dental  
6 Practice of dentists, dental hygienists and dental technologists prescribed and  
7 issued by the accredited professional organization of dentists.

8       SEC. 26. *Vested Rights.* – All dentists and dental hygienists registered  
9 at the time this law takes effect shall automatically be registered under the  
10 provisions hereof, subject however to the provisions herein set forth as to  
11 future requirements. Certificates of registration held by such persons in good  
12 standing shall have the same force and effect as though issued after the  
13 passage of this Act.

14       SEC. 27. *Registration Without Examination for Dental Hygienists and*  
15 *Dental Technologists.* – A person who possesses the equivalent qualifications  
16 required for admission in the examination for dental hygienist or dental  
17 technologist pursuant to this Act may be registered without examination:  
18 *Provided,* That the applicant files with the Board within three years after the  
19 effectivity of this Act, an application for registration and issuance of a  
20 certificate of registration and professional identification card, by submitting  
21 credentials showing that the applicant, before the effectivity of this Act:

22       (a) Had been given a certificate in dental hygiene or dental technology  
23 by a duly recognized college, school or institution and had at least three years  
24 actual experience as dental hygienist or dental technologist in an accredited or  
25 licensed dental clinic or laboratory; or

26       (b) Had been practicing as a dental hygienist or dental technologist for  
27 at least five years in a licensed dental laboratory or clinic under the

1 supervision of a dentist and had attended a training course given by an  
2 accredited school or institution accredited and certified by the TESDA.

3         SEC. 28. *Display of Name and Certificate of Registration.* – Every  
4 registered practicing dentist, dental hygienist and dental technologist shall  
5 display in a conspicuous place in the building or office where he/she practices,  
6 his/her name and his/her certificate or registration in plain sight of patients  
7 who enter the dental office or dental clinic or dental laboratory. In the case  
8 where the dentist has more than one clinic, the original certificate of  
9 registration should be displayed in his/her main office or clinic, and he/she  
10 shall display a copy of his/her certified original certificate of registration in the  
11 other branch or branches of his/her practice. Any owner or proprietor of a  
12 dental office or establishment shall display the certificates of registration of  
13 each and everyone of such persons in the same manner as hereinafter  
14 provided.

15         SEC. 29. *Continuing Professional Education (CPE).* – The PRC  
16 Board, in collaboration with the accredited professional organization (APO),  
17 shall implement the continuing professional education among practicing  
18 dentists, dental hygienists and dental technologists in consonance with the  
19 guidelines of the CPE council of the Commission. Exemption from the CPE  
20 program may be applied for upon reaching the age of sixty-five (65).

21         SEC. 30. *Integration of Dentists, Dental Hygienists and Dental*  
22 *Technologists.* – All registered dentists, dental hygienists and dental  
23 technologists shall be integrated into one national organization which shall be  
24 recognized by the Board and accredited by the Commission as the one and  
25 only accredited integrated association to which all dentists, dental hygienists  
26 and dental technologists shall belong. Henceforth, all dentists, dental  
27 hygienists and dental technologists to be registered with the Board shall

1 automatically become a member of the accredited integrated professional  
 2 organization upon payment of required fees and dues. Membership in the  
 3 accredited and integrated national organization of dentists, dental hygienists  
 4 and dental technologists shall not be a bar to membership in other associations  
 5 of dentists, dental hygienists and dental technologists.

6       *SEC. 31. Foreign Reciprocity.* – Unless the country of which he/she is  
 7 a subject or citizen specifically permits Filipino dentists to practice within its  
 8 territorial limits on the same basis as the subject or citizens of such foreign  
 9 state or country under reciprocity and under international agreements, no  
 10 foreigner shall be admitted to the examination and be given a certificate of  
 11 registration to practice as a dentist and be entitled to any of the privileges  
 12 under this Act.

13       *SEC. 32. Roster of Dentists, Dental Hygienists and Dental*  
 14 *Technologists.* – The Board, in coordination with the APO, shall maintain a  
 15 roster of the names, residences and of the addresses of all registered dentists,  
 16 dental hygienists and dental technologists and shall make this roster available  
 17 to the public upon request.

## 18   ARTICLE V

### 19   PENAL PROVISION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ACT

20       *SEC. 33. Penal Provision.* – The following shall be punished by a fine  
 21 of not less than Two hundred thousand pesos (P200,000.00) nor more than  
 22 Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) or to suffer imprisonment for a  
 23 period of not less than two years and one day nor more than five years, or  
 24 both, at the discretion of the court:

25           (a) Any person who shall practice dentistry, dental hygiene or dental  
 26 technology in the Philippines as defined in this Act, without a certificate of



1 registration and professional identification card and special permit issued in  
2 accordance with the provisions of this Act, or has been declared exempt;

3 (b) Any person who practice the profession to whom the definition of  
4 the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene or dental technology does not apply;

5 (c) Any licensed dentist who shall abet the illegal practice of dentistry;

6 (d) Any person presenting or using as his/her own the certificate of  
7 registration and professional identification card and special permit of another;

8 (e) Any person who shall give any false or forged evidence to the  
9 Board in obtaining a certificate of registration;

10 (f) Any person who shall impersonate any registrant of like or  
11 different name;

12 (g) Any person who shall use a revoked or suspended certificate of  
13 registration and professional identification card;

14 (h) Any person who shall assume, use or advertise as a bachelor of  
15 dental surgery, doctor of dental surgery, master of dental surgery, licentiate of  
16 dental surgery, doctor of dental medicine or dental surgeon, or append to his  
17 name the letters D.D.S., B.D.S., L.D.S. or D.M.D. without having been  
18 conferred such title or degree in a legally constituted school, college or  
19 university, duly recognized and authorized to confer the same or other  
20 degrees; or

21 (i) Any person who advertises any title or description tending to  
22 convey the impression that he/she is a dentist, without holding valid  
23 certificates of registration, and professional identification card and special  
24 permit from the Board.

25 SEC. 34. *Enforcement of this Act.* – It shall be the duty of all  
26 constituted officers of the law of the national, provincial, city, municipal or  
27 barangay level of the government to enforce the provisions of this Act as well

1 as the rules and regulations pertinent thereto, and to prosecute any person  
2 violating the same. The Secretary of Justice shall act as the legal adviser of  
3 the Board and the Commission and shall render such legal assistance as may  
4 be necessary in carrying out the provisions of this Act.

## 5 ARTICLE VI

### 6 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

7 SEC. 35. *Funding Provision.* – The chairperson of the PRC shall  
8 immediately include in the Commission’s programs the implementation of this  
9 Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General  
10 Appropriations Act.

11 SEC. 36. *Transitory Provision.* – The existing Board shall continue to  
12 function in the interim until such time that the new Professional Regulatory  
13 Board of Dentistry shall be constituted pursuant to this Act.

14 SEC. 37. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Board, in  
15 coordination with the APO and with the approval of the Commission, shall  
16 promulgate, adopt and implement such rules and regulations to carry out the  
17 provisions of this Act.

18 SEC. 38. *Separability Clause.* – If any section or provision of this Act  
19 shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such shall not invalidate any  
20 other section or provision of this Act.

21 SEC. 39. *Repealing Clause.* – Republic Act No. 4419 and Republic  
22 Act No. 768 are hereby repealed. All other laws or portions thereof, orders,  
23 ordinances, or rules and regulations in conflict with the provisions of this Act  
24 as pertain to the practice of dentistry shall be, and are hereby repealed.

25 SEC. 40. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect following its  
26 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,