

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 490
Dentistry
by Senator Smith

Defines "public health supervision" as administrative supervision whereby a dental hygienist in a health access setting, without supervision or the presence of a dentist, provides remedial services. Authorizes dental hygienists to perform certain additional dental hygiene services under public health supervision.

Authorizes dental hygienists to perform fluoride treatments, including fluoride varnish applications, and instruct patients in oral hygiene care without supervision.

Authorizes a dentist to delegate remediable tasks to a dental hygienist when such tasks pose no risk to the patient. Provides that a dentist may delegate only those remediable tasks that are defined by law or rule of the Board of Dentistry. (See bill for details)