

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 179**

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**Introduced by Committee on Business and Professions (Assembly Members Bonilla (Chair), Bloom, Dodd, Gatto, Holden, Mullin, Ting, and Wood)**

January 26, 2015

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An act to amend Sections 1601.1 and 1616.5 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentistry.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 179, as introduced, Committee on Business and Professions. Dentistry.

Existing law provides for the Dental Board of California within the Department of Consumer Affairs, which consists of 8 practicing dentists, a registered dental hygienist, a registered dental assistant, and 5 public members, and authorizes the board to appoint an executive officer to exercise powers and perform duties delegated by the board to him or her. These provisions are in effect only until January 1, 2016, and upon repeal of those provisions the board will be subject to review by the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature.

This bill would extend those provisions until January 1, 2020.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1601.1 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:

1 1601.1. (a) There shall be in the Department of Consumer  
2 Affairs the Dental Board of California in which the administration  
3 of this chapter is vested. The board shall consist of eight practicing  
4 dentists, one registered dental hygienist, one registered dental  
5 assistant, and five public members. Of the eight practicing dentists,  
6 one shall be a member of a faculty of any California dental college,  
7 and one shall be a dentist practicing in a nonprofit community  
8 clinic. The appointing powers, described in Section 1603, may  
9 appoint to the board a person who was a member of the prior board.  
10 The board shall be organized into standing committees dealing  
11 with examinations, enforcement, and other subjects as the board  
12 deems appropriate.

13 (b) For purposes of this chapter, any reference in this chapter  
14 to the Board of Dental Examiners shall be deemed to refer to the  
15 Dental Board of California.

16 (c) The board shall have all authority previously vested in the  
17 existing board under this chapter. The board may enforce all  
18 disciplinary actions undertaken by the previous board.

19 (d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, ~~2016~~,  
20 2020, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,  
21 that is enacted before January 1, ~~2016~~, 2020, deletes or extends  
22 that date. Notwithstanding any other ~~provision of~~ law, the repeal  
23 of this section renders the board subject to review by the  
24 appropriate policy committees of the Legislature.

25 SEC. 2. Section 1616.5 of the Business and Professions Code  
26 is amended to read:

27 1616.5. (a) The board, by and with the approval of the director,  
28 may appoint a person exempt from civil service who shall be  
29 designated as an executive officer and who shall exercise the  
30 powers and perform the duties delegated by the board and vested  
31 in him or her by this chapter.

32 (b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, ~~2016~~,  
33 2020, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,  
34 that is enacted before January 1, ~~2016~~, 2020, deletes or extends  
35 that date.