

HB 1464 -- Dentistry

Sponsor: Lager

This bill changes the laws regarding the Missouri Dental Board and the practice of dentistry. The bill:

- (1) Gives the board the authority to issue and enforce subpoenas;
- (2) Allows the board to investigate any person licensed to practice dentistry or any entity permitted to provide dental services in this state;
- (3) Expands the practice of dentistry to include persons attempting to control or influence a dentist's independent professional judgment regarding diagnosis and treatment as well as those who review patient data in order to make judgments regarding dental care;
- (4) Allows dental hygienist students and certain persons practicing dentistry in federally qualified health and homeless centers to provide services without a license;
- (5) Requires all not-for-profit corporations providing dental services to be licensed by the board. Not-for-profit corporations will be subject to all laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to discipline as any other licensee; and
- (6) Prohibits not-for-profit corporations from directing or interfering with a licensed dentist's professional judgment or competency to practice dentistry.