



# SENATE BILL 599: Dental Board Reform.

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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 599 would expand the North Carolina Board of Dental Examiners (Board) to 10 members and change how the members are chosen*

**CURRENT LAW:** Under current law, there are eight members on the Board: six dentists, one dental hygienist, and one member of the public. The dental hygienist and the member of the public cannot participate or vote on any matters that deal with the licensure of dentists. The Board members who are dentists are chosen in an election in which every licensed dentist in North Carolina is entitled to vote. The dental hygienist member is chosen in an election in which every licensed dental hygienist in North Carolina is entitled to vote. The member of the public is appointed by the Governor.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 599 would expand the Board to 10 members:

- Six dentists, who have been practicing dentistry for the last five years. Two dentists would be appointed by the Governor, two would be appointed by the General Assembly on recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and two would be appointed by the General Assembly on recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- Two dental hygienists, who have been practicing dental hygiene for the last five years. One would be appointed by the Governor, and one would be appointed by the Commissioner of Labor.
- Two members of the public. One would be appointed by the Governor. One would be appointed by the Commissioner of Labor.

Vacancies would be filled by the original appointing authority. Current Board members would finish their terms. The Board would have authority to adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill would be effective when it becomes law.

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